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## NORTHERN EXPOSURE

Ah, Baguio—more than a weekend getaway, it's a place that's tied to memories. And for most of us, the City of Pines is a hodgepodge of memories: sensory delights such as plump strawberries, rainbow-hued *walis*, the crunch of pinecones underfoot, and ponies with blonde tufted manes. It is a precious place that occupies our mind with memories of childhood summer vacations, lost loves, and nights out with friends on Session Road.

In the *Real Living* realm, it's composed of visions of high walls of *araal*, the soft patina of hand-carved wood, and creaking floorboards that emit the scent of old pine. It is also a city of contradictions—amidst the pollution and overdevelopment, there are still pockets of misty, old-world charm; and among the kitschy things, there are finds that are artsy and cool.

This month, *Real Living* goes to Baguio and shares our journey with you. In our Special Section on p. 22, we feature new décor shops and places to stay in, holes-in-the-wall that reveal unique handcrafted pieces, and quiet spots that let you take in the beauty of this charming city. Hopefully, even more memories will stem from this adventure.

*Rachelle*



**COOL BEANS.** THE RL STAFF WITH (CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT) PHOTOGRAPHY DAIRYL AG, NAT CLAVE, RACHELLE MEDINA, KATHERINE LOPEZ, TALA SINGSON, SUNSHINE FUNA, PAULA DE GUZMAN, AND DAGNY MADAMBA WISH YOU

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# FRESH START

Start the year right with home emergency prepping and easy decorating updates from interior designer **VERA VILLAROSA-ORILA**



## HOME MAINTENANCE KIT

**Q** I'm stocking up our toolbox at home for emergency repairs. What tools must I always have ready? —*Kathy, Pasig City*

**A** Basic tools which you need to have for emergency home repairs are: screwdrivers in different sizes, hammer, slip-joint and long-nose pliers, tape measure (3 to

5m long), and a flashlight. You can also add a hacksaw, level bar, and electric drill for a more complete toolbox. See RL Notebook on p. 83 to know more about toolbox must-haves.

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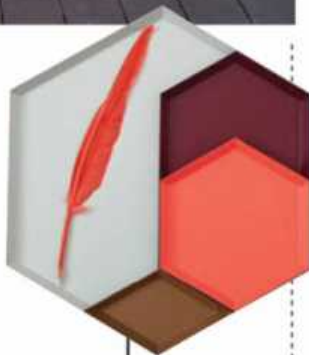


## ACCESSORIES, ACCESSORIES!

**Q** I want to update my home for the New Year by changing my accessories. What style of accessories will make my home look fresh and new? —*Tin, Quezon City*

**A** Mix them up. Don't let go of all your existing accessories because these are what make your home yours. Just update them with modern décor available in the market. It doesn't have to completely match your existing style, just as long as it complements it. Try mixing wood with décor in chrome or metal finish. Play with patterns by using different throw pillow designs, window treatments, and area rugs. Also, update your statement furniture pieces by giving them a fresh coat of paint if possible.

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## FAN MAIL

**Q** How high must the room's ceiling height be for us to be able to install a ceiling fan? —*Cherry Apolinario via Facebook*

**A** The standard ceiling height for interiors is at least 2.4m. This height can comfortably accommodate a ceiling fan, but in case your ceiling height falls short, you can still make do with it. Measure the height of your ceiling fan and deduct it from your existing floor-to-ceiling height. If you get 2.1m (which is the standard for door height) or anything higher, that's good enough.



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**The Italian Job** Milan-based design solutions company Rimadesio opened its first Philippine store in Bonifacio Global City last month. Rimadesio produces modular shelving and entertainment systems, bookcases, sliding panels, swing doors, and walk-in and freestanding wardrobes. It also has a collection of complementary furniture that boast undeniable craftsmanship, functionality, durability, and eco-friendly features. The colorways of the glass and other materials used in Rimadesio products are varied and sophisticated—expect to see seafoam, olive green, smoke, and cinnamon-hued glass finishes. Visit Rimadesio at MDI Center, 10<sup>th</sup> cor. 39<sup>th</sup> Sts., Bonifacio Global City. —MAF



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**Purely Functional** American kitchen and bath fixture brand KOHLER promotes minimalism and function with its new kitchen line. The Purist Kitchen Cabinets are made of high-pressure laminate and mirrored glass doors that make for ergonomic design. The sleek forms are perfect for modern kitchens without sacrificing efficiency. Kohler is available at all leading home depots. —PDG



**DECEMBER-JANUARY'S PICK**  
**L'INDOCHINE LOVES LOCAL**  
L'Indochine adds to its growing list of covetable goodies with works from local artists, like Camille Francisco-Cabral (@origamidreamer on Instagram). Inspired by her year-long stay in Indonesia, Camille came up with two collections: Pelangi which means “rainbow” in Bahasa Indonesia, and Lotus Sky, which evokes “a moment of stark contrast and calm solitude.” Both collections include pencil cases, chic round clutch bags, and tote bags—all are perfect for this season's gift-giving. Check out Camille's works at L'Indochine branches at 4/L Mega Fashion Hall, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City and at 3/L SM Aura Premier, Taguig City. —KL

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## Designery— Wallpaper and more!

Designery, a baby of Brushstrokes Creatives, Inc., offers customized wallpapers in different textures like smooth, stucco, and linen. Designery is also the first to offer organic wallpaper. You can leaf through the store's ready-made designs or bring a photo of your own. Designery also offers wall décor, decorative panels, and home accents like coat racks, coasters, and various knickknacks like bookends, typography décor, and even passport holders. Visit Designery at 2/L Robins Design Centre, Meralco Ave., Pasig City. —KL



## WRITE AWAY!

National Book Store brings Japanese stationery giant Itoya to the Philippines. Itoya offers high-quality stationery—pens, notebooks, pen cases, and other writing materials—in sleek designs that spell classy and professional. With a variety of choices that fall under four brands such as Kolo, Romeo, Contrail, and Helvetica, there are more reasons to linger in the stationery section. Available at National Book Store (SM Aura Premier and Shangri-La Plaza) and Powerbooks (Greenbelt 4) —PDG



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## Nippon Paint Young Designer Awards 2015

This year's Nippon Paint Young Designer Awards carries the theme "Design with Heart." Martha Tomas from the University of Santo Tomas won the Grand Prize for designing a Youth Leadership Foundation office called "Biojet" while Courtney Gatus of the University of the Philippines placed second with "Operation Smile" (above). Martha received a P50,000 cash prize, an internship at Lor Calma & Partners, and an all-expense-paid learning program and workshop in Bangkok, Thailand. —KL

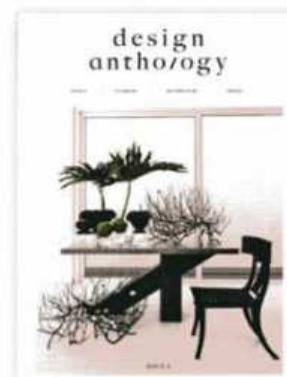
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### DESIGN ANTHOLOGY

Get the best in design, interiors, architecture, and travel in this quarterly design magazine from Hong Kong. In this issue, the spotlight is on the Philippines and its design landscape. Read

about superstar Filipino designers and their impressive portfolios. Featuring a variety of spaces from restaurants to designer showrooms, Design Anthology showcases the wealth of Asian creativity and talent. Available in National Book Store —PDG



### FIRE UP THE GRILL

Experience quality outdoor living as Wilcon brings Bull Outdoor products to the country. The product launch, held at Wilcon IT Hub in Makati, presented the wide grilling merchandise of Bull that speaks of durability, design, and innovation. The brand, proudly made in the U.S.A, is now part of Wilcon's ongoing list of top-notch products for Filipino food aficionados and barbecue enthusiasts. Bull comes in various types of grill heads, carts, and a complete line of accessories. Visit Wilcon to get the ultimate grilling experience, or log on to [www.wilcon.com.ph](http://www.wilcon.com.ph) for more details. —MAF





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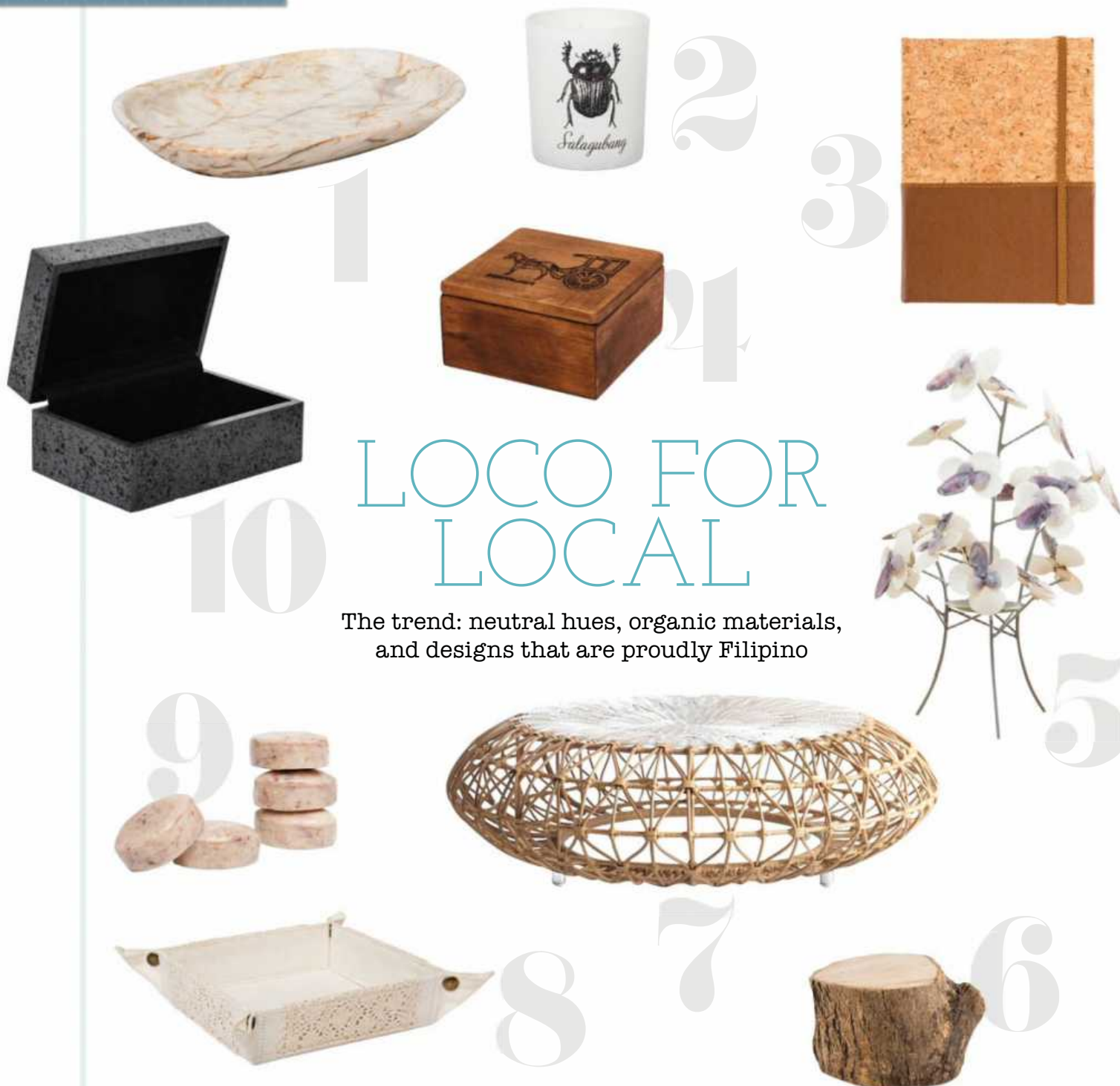
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## LOCO FOR LOCAL

The trend: neutral hues, organic materials, and designs that are proudly Filipino

1. **MADE IN ROMBLON.** This local stone can easily rival the Carrara marble of Italy. Tray, P599.75, Kultura Filipino, G/L Bldg. A, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City
2. **SALAGUBANG STYLE.** Children used to hold "battles" with their prized insect warriors. Now, it's a design inspiration for a scented candle, P349.75, Kultura Filipino
3. **MORE THAN WORDS.** With cork and leather as its cover, it's hard not

- to fall in love with the poetry that will be written here. Notebook, price available upon request, Atelier Aguila G/L LRI Design Plaza, Makati City
4. **HACIENDERO FEELS.** This wooden tobacco case can also serve as a trinket keeper. Wooden Tobacco Box, P249.75, Kultura Filipino
5. **BLOOMING.** A cheeky but sophisticated take on school projects, these shell flowers will never wilt. Flora Candle Holder, price upon request, Vito Selma,

- [www.vitoselma.com](http://www.vitoselma.com)
6. **STUMPED.** Its rustic charm will elevate a simple vignette in your home. Wood Stump, price available upon request, Cave, [enclavesix@gmail.com](mailto:enclavesix@gmail.com)
7. **DREAM ON.** Patterns from a mystical charm are the inspiration for this Filipino designer piece. Dreamcatcher Stool by Kenneth Cobonpue, price available upon request, Kenneth Cobonpue, [www.kennethcobonpue.com](http://www.kennethcobonpue.com)

8. **STITCH IN TIME.** Add a bit of feminine appeal by incorporating a dainty crocheted accent in your trays. Tray, P199.75, Kultura Filipino
9. **NATURAL SOAP.** Still looking for an item to complete your Christmas shopping list? Let these organic soaps solve the conundrum. Soap, P199.75 per set of 5, Kultura Filipino
10. **COAL PLAY.** Made of coal, this classy receptacle from Negros will add character to a coffee table. Jewelry Box, P899.75, Kultura Filipino



# Finely Picked

There's a pleasant surprise from True Value. It's newest concept called True Home offers a selection of imported brands for home decor, bed and bath accessories, and storage solutions. Experience comfort, function, and style and be inspired by tasteful designs for your home.

## 1. HOME DÉCOR

A little accent goes a long way. You'll be surprised at what a stylish clock, a dainty candle or a wall decal can do to update the look of your home. Decorate your walls with clocks. Enjoy a soothing ambiance with scented candles. Easily add a fun design to a plain space with wall décor. Go ahead and accentuate!

## 2. KITCHEN & DINING

Serve and enjoy well-prepared meals. Having a well-equipped kitchen and an impressive dining room is truly satisfying. Prepare meals with trusted kitchen appliances and modern kitchen gadgets. Enjoy sumptuous dinners with your family in modish plates, flatware and serve ware.

## 3. BED & BATH

Reward yourself with a well-deserved break at home. Create a relaxing bedroom and bathroom sanctuary. Indulge in luxurious pillows, sheets and elegant bathroom accessories that will make you enjoy a vacation in your own home.

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#### **FAST FACTS** BAGUIO

##### **\* SEPTEMBER 9, 1909:**

Baguio was declared a chartered city and Summer Capital of the Philippines.

\* The name **BAGUIO** is believed to have come from a mossy flowering plant **BAGIW**, which the Americans pronounced as "Bag-eeyow."

\* **THE MANSION** was the official residence of the American governor-general during summer holidays.

\* **CAMP JOHN HAY** was the U.S. military's recreation spot. The American also built Kennon Road, which

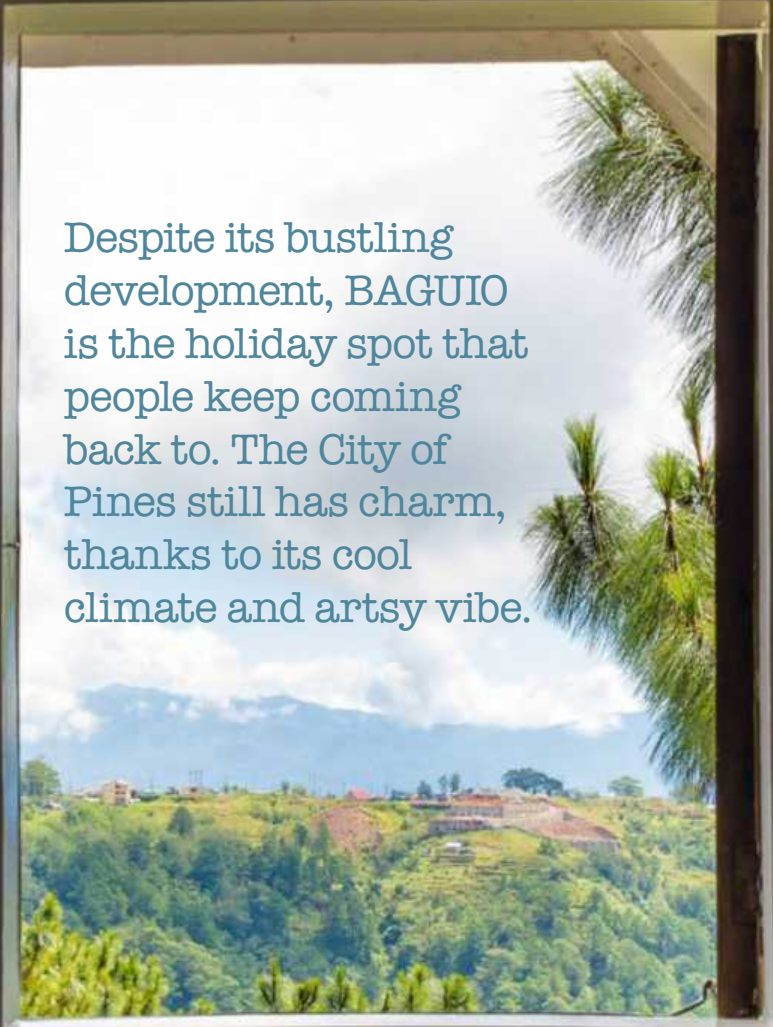
connected Baguio to nearby provinces.

\* The Philippine Commission held its first session from April 22 to June 11, 1904 in what is now known as **SESSION ROAD**.

\* Renowned architect and city planner **DANIEL BURNHAM**—who created the master plans of Chicago and Washington, D.C. in the 1800s—was the urban planner of Baguio City. Radial city layouts and long public walkways and avenues are his trademarks, and can still be seen in Baguio until now. **BURNHAM PARK** is named after him.

# \* Baguio bliss





Despite its bustling development, BAGUIO is the holiday spot that people keep coming back to. The City of Pines still has charm, thanks to its cool climate and artsy vibe.

BAGUIO HAS always been the Filipinos' favorite holiday getaway spot, mostly because of its accessibility and its cool temperature—a welcome reprieve from hot and humid Manila. Before the Spanish occupation, Baguio was inhabited by the Kankaneys and the Ibalois. During the Spanish colonial period, *rancherias* or camps were established in what is now known as La Trinidad, Benguet. It was during the American colonial period that Baguio flourished into what it is today. American urban planners, administrators, and teachers developed the city together with Filipinos.

Now, Baguio is a bustling destination. But despite the boom, you'll still find quaint and quiet corners in the city, where Cordilleran culture and arts can be best appreciated and history revisited, all within Baguio's comforting atmosphere.

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**THIS ICONIC FURNITURE SHOP IN BAGUIO  
HAS STOOD THE TEST OF TIME**

IT WAS A RELENTLESS PASSION for all things antique, old, and Pinoy that prompted Pynky Magsino to establish PNKY Vintage Collection 20 years ago—that, and her background in anthropology. “PNKY is as old as Panagbenga. I started with just garden furniture at Camp John Hay,” she recalls. Since then, the furniture store has become a famous landmark in the City of Pines.

Prior to putting up PNKY, Pynky had an antique shop in the 1970s, which she had to close down upon migrating to the United States. But when the 1991 earthquake devastated Baguio, Pynky’s family moved back to the city. “My sister perished in the Hyatt Hotel, so my parents were then living on their own in their old age, so we decided to come back and be with them. When we were back here, I was looking for something to do. It just became a natural thing,” she narrates. Then, when the first ever Panagbenga Festival was being planned, Pynky got an offer to set up shop, which she gladly said yes to. “That’s how I came back into the business,” she adds.

With all its years in the furniture industry, PNKY has managed to remain true to its goal: to showcase vintage, antique Pinoy pieces made mostly of wood. This is very much apparent upon entering the store, which is like stepping into a small museum of prized Filipino artifacts. Every nook houses unique finds—from delicate ceramic ware to dainty jewelry. The main attractions, of course, are the furniture pieces made of hardwood. These are dressed up with accessories like huge Maranao tops (*trumpo*), embroidered pillows, and ceramic vessels. It’s not hard to imagine how these items will look in a modern Pinoy home.

The furniture industry may continue to shift trends, but PNKY still stands strong. “It’s the driving passion behind it, *eh*. It’s what I feel has fueled it this long...and also, I guess people, when they come to the shop, they can feel that it’s something I love. Each thing has a story,” muses Pynky.

This corner of the shop is filled with eclectic finds which are mostly, if not all, sourced locally. Find a piece or two to update your own abode. Three-seater Ipil/Kamagong Slatted Bench, P35,800; Coffee Table, P15,000; Throw Pillows, from P450 each; Multicolored Ceramic Bowl, P3,850; Pouring Vessel, P9,800; Maranao Tops, P3,800 each.

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was originally used as a guard  
against pests in traditional

Ifugao huts, is at P9,500;  
furniture made of hardwood are  
priced at P10,000 up.  
**BESTSELLERS:** "Furniture, until  
recently. Now it's the jewelry...  
Nowadays, it's good to have  
precious metals as an alternative  
investment," says Pynky.  
**PINOY ALL THE WAY:** "I still  
stick to my basic foundation—

it's got to be Filipino. Ninety  
percent of my inventory is  
Filipino. I get a little bit from  
my travels, but it's just to spice  
things up."  
**MANILA VERSION:** Pynky  
maintains a PNKY branch in  
Metro Manila at the second  
floor of LRI Design Plaza, 210  
N. Garcia St., Makati City.

**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT** Inject a sophisticated  
shot of color to your table setting with these  
green-hued glassware. Assorted Ceramic and  
Glass Ware, from P1,200; Framed Mirror, P13,800.

Furniture pieces in PNKY are not just for Pinoy-  
style homes. Because of their vintage character  
and sturdy material, the pieces can also blend  
well in contemporary spaces. Prices available  
upon request.

An assortment of dainty cups and saucers,  
which were collected from owner Pynky  
Magsino's travels, spruce up this dark, wooden  
dining table. Cups and Saucers, prices available  
upon request; Pine Dining Table, P78,000.

Aside from home décor and furniture, these  
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STYLE IN THIS CHARMING  
BAGUIO CAFÉ**

Baguio City has its fair share of quirky shops, bohemian enclaves, and culture hubs. Located in the building that houses the Bloomfield Hotel, Patch Café is a welcome addition to the scene.

"It's all the things we love—music, art, and food," says Arielle Mendoza,

owner of Patch Café. With its interiors done by Design Hirayama + Quesada, the collaboration successfully merges both traditional and modern elements through commissioned murals, punchy colors, and playful forms. "It was a fun and interesting project," says interior designer Frenjick Quesada. "Having a modern look injected with a Cordillera vibe makes the project distinct and

memorable. The result is a fresh take of a café in the City of Pines."

And fresh it is, with Patch's food counter/display and lounge area blending seamlessly with Bloomfield Hotel's lobby. Aside from this, Cordilleran details are also subtly introduced in the upholstery of midcentury modern-style chairs, pillows, and décor. All these give Patch a warm and welcoming vibe. —PDG

**ADDRESS:** G/L Bloomfield Hotel, 3 Leonard Wood Rd., Baguio City

**GET THE MOUNTAIN-CHIC VIBE:**

Get cozy with the details and go bold in your colors when choosing accessories. Get inspiration from traditional patterns and updated color schemes for your motif.

**MUST-KNOW:**

Most of the décor in Patch Café were sourced from local haunts. You can find them at Maharlika Livelihood Complex (along Abanao St. across Baguio market), a popular place to buy dry goods, traditional clothing, and various souvenirs from Baguio. "As much as possible, we tried to source from Baguio to stay green and to involve the local businesses," Frenjick adds.

Key Pieces



TRIBAL TOUCHES. Ikat Placemats, P129.75 each, L'Indochine



COFFEE SHOP STAPLE. Espresso Chair, price available upon request, Space Encounters



SACRED CELEBRATIONS. Traditional Burial Cloth, price available upon request, The Manila Collectible Co.



PROSPEROUS HARVEST. Rice Baskets, prices available upon request, The Manila Collectible Co.





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**TOP LEFT & MIDDLE** "Design HQ wanted full windows to let in more natural light but the view outside is not so nice, hence, these sticker decals in traditional geometric patterns to distract the patrons from the view," Arielle says.

**TOP RIGHT** "The bathrooms are a favorite because they pack a little surprise for the visitors," Frenjick says. The bathroom's chandelier is wrapped in a hodgepodge of tribal fabrics.

**RIGHT, BOTTOM LEFT & BOTTOM RIGHT** Indigenous fabrics like Inabel and T'nalak were cleverly used to accent modern pieces, making them stand out. Meanwhile, an eye-catching mural (bottom middle) lends a playful feel to the laidback cafe.





# The new rustic

A former rough-and-tumble style gets a fresh and elegant update

## DÉCOR IDEAS

### MODERN RUSTIC

This is a contemporary rustic style that is more relaxed and modern—great for city dwellers who still want a natural, laidback look. “The feel of Modern Rustic is warm, informal elegance,” says Kristine Neri-Magturo, interior designer and owner of modern rustic store Urban Abode.

*Inabel Stool, price available upon request, Union Crafts • Geometric Bowl, P900; Finials, P100 each; Enamel Cup, P100, all from Cave • for a similar low wicker chair, see E. Murio at a11*

**STYLE IT** Create a balance between natural details and modern furniture. “Natural, imperfect architectural elements such as raw stone, wood beams, and bricks contrast and highlight modern, often rectilinear furniture designs or mid-century modern pieces,” says Kristine.

**GOOD FOR** Living rooms and bedrooms

**TIP** “The more natural light, the better, so big windows are ideal,” says Kristine. “Bringing the outdoors in while having all the creature comforts of a modern dwelling is the essence of modern rustic living.”



When you live in a predominantly rustic home—such as a weekend or provincial house—cheap plastic children's furniture will look horribly out of place. Give the young ones a sophisticated play or lounge area with this youthful, rustic style.

**STYLE IT** Soften an overall "woody" room with colorful throws, area rugs, and floor pillows. Add a few whimsical touches by way of toys and accessories with a weathered, vintage look or patina.

**GOOD FOR** Children's rooms and family rooms

**TIP** Offset the subdued neutral hues with bright pops of color. Try a happy palette of fuchsia, aqua, turquoise, and lime, which contrasts nicely against wood varnish.

## DÉCOR IDEAS

### PLAYFUL RUSTIC

Throw Pillows with Pompoms, P1,799.75 each, L'Indochine • Kid's Lamp, P3,980; Desk Clock, P2,800 (both above book stand), AC+632 • Newspaper Print Rabbit Décor, P475 each, Cave • find similar table at Sabado's Handicrafts • Get a flat-woven bohemian-style rug from KISH



This is a comforting, earthy look for fans of the Filipino style. A Pinoy rustic interior focuses on Philippine pieces that have a timeless, hand-hewn quality to them. This is the perfect look for homeowners with a large collection of handicrafts and artifacts.

DÉCOR IDEAS

PINOY  
RUSTIC

**STYLE IT** Choose natural materials and neutrals, and go for symmetrical arrangements and displays. Soften the look with tribal weavings and bohemian throws. Stick to one "region" in your décor (i.e. all Cordilleran, all Palaweño, etc.) for consistency.

**GOOD FOR** Living rooms, dining rooms, and foyers

**TIP** Always ask shop owners about the artifacts' origins and if they are religious icons like *bul-ol* (Ifugao rice gods), and treat the objects with respect.

*Striped Shawl, P1,280, AC+632 • Other pieces (such as the rice gods, table, and small chair), find similar at Sabado's Handicrafts*

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The main floor of Sabado's is filled with baskets and wooden accessories of all shapes and sizes. Meanwhile, more sophisticated benches, chairs, and other hardwood pieces are stored in the basement (bottom left and right).

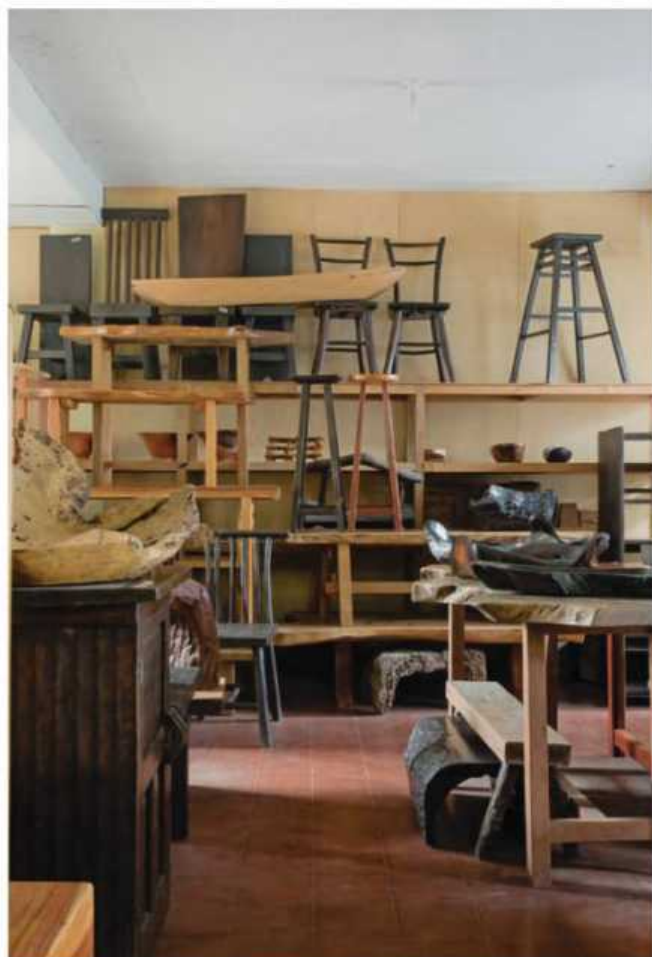
## WOODEN WONDERS

A myriad of handcrafted products abound in this surprising shop

Antique collector Greg Sabado's shop is chockfull of wooden pieces—from tabletop décor, native chess pieces, and bowls, to big items like benches, tables, and even life-size *bul-ol* (rice gods). Some of the pieces are made from recycled wood, while some are made from felled trees found in the river after a typhoon. The shop, which winds up and down to different rooms and levels, is literally full to the brim with these handcrafted wooden items.

Sabado's has been around since the 1970s, and throughout the years, the shop has evolved from selling antiques from Vigan to selling baskets. It now carries various pieces of wooden furniture made by Greg's carvers. These pieces are made of hardwood like kamagong and molave. Greg says recent additions to his shop are Japanese furniture that they buy from a friend who owns an antique shop in Japan. —KL

Outlook Drive, Baguio City  
(Look for the "Sabado's" sign)





BAGUIO'S BEST

ARCA'S  
YARD



QUAINT AND QUIET

Celebrate the wonders of the Cordillera in this museum-library-café

If you want to have a quiet time amid Cordilleran art and culture, Arca's Yard is the place to go to. Owner Ninja Sabado, an Ibaloi, explains that Arca's is named after her father, but it also stands for Activities and Renaissance for Culture and the Arts. She says she promotes the Cordilleran culture in her mini-library/mini-museum/bed-and-breakfast/café, as the artifacts are sourced from all over the said region.

The place is peppered with wooden spoons (upper left), wooden bowls, figures of rice gods (bottom), as well as paintings by Baguio-based artists Michael Parsons, Roland Bay-an, and Roger "Rishab" Tibon. There are also photographs taken by Cordillera photographer Tommy Hafalla. Books about the Cordillera from Ninja's personal collection (right) are available for guests to read while enjoying a cup of coffee or a serving of Arca's famous camote pie.—KL

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**BAGUIO'S BEST**

**MT. CLOUD BOOKSHOP**

**LOFTY READS:**

This quaint bookstore offers Filipino titles and a lot more

Mt. Cloud Bookshop is a haven for bookworms, writers, and lovers of the written word. Since it opened in 2010, Mt. Cloud's book collection has grown, with 80 percent of it consisting of Filipino titles. "We've found our niche, and it's in selling and promoting Filipino titles...and we're really trying to grow the collection even more," says Feliz Perez, co-owner of the bookstore, which is adjacent to the cozy Casa Vallejo, the oldest hotel in Baguio which dates back to 1909.

To encourage people to read more local titles, Mt. Cloud has come up with two subscription programs: one for kids and one for adults. The bookstore also holds an open mic poetry event called Third Monday from the Sun. Events for children, meanwhile, are held on months that have a fifth Saturday. For more information and to subscribe to Mt. Cloud's programs, visit [mtcloudbookshop.com](http://mtcloudbookshop.com). —KL

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# BITS OF BAGUIO

Check out these comforting old Baguio standbys mixed with fresh new haunts

**\* BAGUIO CITY PUBLIC MARKET**

If you're looking for rustic but affordable touches for your home, make your way to the dry goods section of the Baguio City Market just a little further down the end of Session Road (right). Take your pick from rainbow-colored *walis* (lower right) to hand-woven *inabel* table runners, plus burlap coffee bean sacks. Express your humor with carved wooden sculptures and a tiny *bangkito*. Plan your trip on a regular day to avoid the crowd. Know that haggling is expected, but haggle gently and sweetly. *Rajah Soliman St., Baguio City* —TS



**\* KETCHUP FOOD COMMUNITY**

A celebration of homegrown Baguio-based startup concept restaurants, Ketchup Food Community (below) is made up of five dining establishments: Rancho Norte, Happy Tummy, Rumah Sate, Canto, and Green Pepper. The compound encourages simple outdoor dining and also features an open space in the middle for small casual events like intimate concerts and al fresco parties. Being a food community, you may



choose to sit at a table and order from any of the restaurants as long as majority of your food is ordered where you're seated. The restaurants serve lunch and dinner. Enjoy dining under the pine trees after a day of sightseeing. *Romulo Drive across Wright Park, Baguio City.* —TS



**\* ILI-LIKHA ARTIST VILLAGE**

This village (left) is another artsy establishment by experimental filmmaker Kidlat Tahimik. If you're charmed by the VOCAS Gallery atop La Azotea Building on Session Road (the gallery houses Oh My Gulay restaurant), then you'll find Ili-Likha equally interesting. It's a hippie food court that serves delicious, healthy fare (no sodas here!), and the place is actually a huge art installation. Every nook and cranny is filled with eclectic artworks made from scrap materials—a mosaic wall made of broken glasses, a pillar made of rubber, and recycled bottles as wall art. Ili-Likha is an ever-evolving establishment, as artists from the city continue to add their own works for everyone to appreciate sans any entrance fee. *Assumption Road, (intersecting Session Road) in Baguio City; [www.facebook.com/pages/Ilikikha-Artist-Village](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ilikikha-Artist-Village).* —SFS



# REAL *homes*

DIY ECLECTIC \* PINOY TROPICAL \* UPDATED VINTAGE \* OLD-WORLD ASIAN \* NEUTRAL ORGANIC \*

Old is the new “new,” as these homes prove. See how a young married couple updated old furniture pieces to create a charming abode. Step inside the sprawling house of a doting grandmother, whose wooden pieces make for a laidback weekend home, and revel at how a young family fused well-loved antiques into their modern space. Whatever your style is, you’ll surely pick up a decorating lesson or two.



photography DAIRY DARILAG





# BREATHING SPACE

STANDING ON THE  
HILLS OF TAGAYTAY IS  
A FAMILY HOME WITH  
ALL THE TRAPPINGS  
OF A QUAINB B&B

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A wooden table, which “extends” the kitchen counter in the main house, is made from different types of wood; one can even see how the grains differ on each panel. Here, a typical afternoon with homeowner Elo’s brood would involve a cooking session: her second son would volunteer to cook, and the grandchildren would gather around the kitchen counter to help out. The kitchen stools are old pieces updated with bright aqua paint.







## THE STORY OF ELO'S WEEKEND HOME BECOMES RICHER WITH EACH PASSING YEAR.

A mother whose children have grown up, some already with families of their own, would often feel sadness at having “emptied her nest.” The case is hardly so for mom and doting grandmother Elo, whose weekend home in Tagaytay is a go-to of sorts for her growing family whenever they need to take a break from the hustle and bustle of city life.

But lest it conjures images of a *lola* waiting at the steps all day for the arrival of her beloved children and grandkids, again, Elo defies stereotypes. She continues to be busy with her work as a development consultant for various international agencies, and her work always takes her outside the country. You can say that there is as much going on in her life as there is with her kids, and she craves for the same respite each time she's on a break from work.


Says Elo, “My children have always felt that this place has been a refuge of sorts—a place where they could invite their friends, too.” The general idea is to live the “*kain-tulog*” lifestyle. Although they have a house in the city, when the kids were younger, “they would get confined to their routines. They didn't even get to play in the garden because of their schedules in school. This was like a respite.”

So 15 years ago, as her three sons and only daughter were growing up, Elo collaborated with a former classmate who was a contractor for roads and bridges. Her ideas, of course, went into the whole concept of the house, as Elo believed “it's supposed to be reflective of who lives in the place.”

Originally, her children's bedrooms could be accessed from the main house. It was one of her major requirements. “I needed access to the children anytime, and it should be easy for them to access me.” In 2012, around the time her daughter got married, Elo decided to close off the access point to the rooms and move the entrances to each of the two bedrooms, now named Unica Hija and Tres Hermanos.

Having evolved as the family's needs changed, the place now has the feel of a quaint bed-and-breakfast, with each bedroom separated from the rest of the world by cozy receiving areas. When Elo decided to buy the adjoining property, she was able to build two more guesthouses that look like charming resort pavilions, specifically for relatives who would visit from Baguio or abroad. She also started working with her son's friends Chino Carlos and Miah Gomez, both interior designers, who customized some of the wooden furniture pieces.





It's like being in your *lola's* house all over again: El Jardin, one of the guesthouses, has an antique *aparador*, a *solihya* lounge chair, and *capiz* accents on the windows and this inviting *duyan*. The sliding doors open to a narrow balcony with a built-in bench, where guests can enjoy—literally—a breath of fresh air.





## {INTERIOR TALK}

**GOING ORGANIC** The use of natural and eco-friendly materials creates a relaxing space, especially when combined with natural light. “These materials go together with other décor and contrasting styles because these items do not scream for attention,” interior designer John Vigilia explains. Get the look in your own home with these expert tips:

**1. Go for wood.** Chino Carlos and Miah Gomez, interior designers and owners of Hatch Furniture, say that wood is easily available, and there is so much you can do with it. “Its natural imperfections are what make it beautiful,” they say. Its grains or patterns are its own accent. The best place to source secondhand wood is from Rizal, where materials from old, torn-down houses are sold.

### **2. Stand out with stones.**

Interior designer John Vigilia recommends marble, granite, or sandstone. Like wood, these stones have unique grains that make surfaces for counter or table tops more interesting.

**3. Dazzle with metal.** John suggests accessorizing with an abundance of copper, bronze, or pewter items, which go well with other décor styles by providing just the right amount of glint.

**4. Don't forget the sun!** Natural sunlight is a perfect complement because it helps retain colors and textures. A word of caution from John: in our tropical climate where it is wet and cold one day, and hot and dry the next, sunlight will take its toll on these natural products. Have a coat or layer of protective finish that will shield them from the sun's harsh rays.

Because of the sloping terrain, the house and guesthouses are situated on varying levels, leaving much room for Elo's ornamental plants and vegetable garden along the staircase. You can have a lengthy conversation with her about it just while walking down the stairs!

A look around immediately tells you Elo likes wood. “In its very natural state,” she adds. Although she shows inclination to Filipino pieces, she doesn't like it too heavy either, “*yung sobrang narra lahat. Mabigat din sa akin pag ganun.*”

Her love for wood stems from the fact that every type has its own beauty and texture. “Every time I'm on my way to Baguio, I would always make a stop and ask, ‘*Anong wood ito?*’ And it's interesting to know their differences, and of course, what you can do with them!” A huge, rough-hewn bench in the living room, for instance, is actually the root of a tree. “It's fantastic!” Elo exclaims.

Right outside the kitchen is another of Elo's many loves: her own fruit, vegetable, and herb garden. Elo grows pineapples, carrots, *pechay*, and tomatoes in neatly arranged rows; while hanging on homemade trellises are *ampalaya* and *sayote* vines. Papaya and *malunggay* trees provide the ingredients for a mean pot of *tinola*.

In the garden, there is also a small open hut, which gives anyone who stays in it a breathtaking view of the mountains. “*Pina-drawing ko lang 'yan, pinagawa*, and then had grilles installed. The grilles are all recycled,” Elo says.

She describes what weekends are like here nowadays: “*Magulo!*” The young ones would be huddled in groups, playing or chatting, while the older ones would be seated in pocket areas enjoying conversations over coffee or wine. Still, the “*kain-tulog*” ideal remains. “*Ako naman*,” Elo says with a smile, “doting grandma. My grandkids would sometimes sleep with me in my room, one or two at a time. They would bounce their ideas off me. I don't volunteer until they ask—that's the way. It's more than bonding, really.”

This way, the story of Elo's weekend home becomes richer with each passing year. After creating memories with her children when they were younger, Elo sees that it is now her children's turn to make memories of their own with their families. As for her, “At my age, I'm looking into semi-retirement. I stay here more and more,” she ends. **RL**

## FACES OF STYLE

When used as décor, these masks tell their own stories

**DOLLED UP.** This adds a global look to your living area. *Indian Mask*, P3,500, *Sifra Interiors and Objects*, 3/L Glorietta 4, Ayala Center, Makati City



**TROPICAL BURST.** Build your own tropical paradise with this beautiful bird mask.

*Animal Mask*, price available upon request, Hay, AIC Burgundy Empire Tower, ADB Ave. cor. Garnet Rd. Ortigas Center, Pasig City



**RED IN THE FACE.** Hang masks like this on a wall or lay them out on a low table. *Wooden Mask*, P699.75, *L'Indochine*, 4/L Mega Fashion Hall, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City



**ODD ONE.** This clown can be a nice, unusual addition to your space. *Clown Mask*, price available upon request, *Chrysara Nest*, 776 Col. Buenaventura St., Addition Hills, Mandaluyong City

REAL LIVING



With natural light streaming in from almost all sides, the living room in the main house is a picture-perfect spot for lounging, reading, or receiving guests. Wooden furniture pieces give the space the kind of warmth you expect from a charming B&B. Elo's collection of masks—some of them gifts from friends—are displayed next to the sofa. The first mask she bought is the blue Murano mask on the coffee table.





A photograph of a bedroom interior. In the foreground, a bed is covered with a white mosquito net that hangs from a chain. The bed has white pillows and a white blanket. To the left, a doorway is framed by a wooden border. Sheer, light-colored curtains are hung over the doorway, partially open, revealing a kitchenette and bath area beyond. The walls are painted a vibrant lime green. The ceiling features a thatched roof structure with wooden beams. The floor is made of light-colored wood.

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**LEFT** The El Atico bedroom—literally, a low attic—is where the older grandchildren hang out whenever they're here. They play Scrabble, *sungka*, or chess. "They can't wait to come here because they have their own space. That's my idea of a bribe," Elo adds with a laugh.

**RIGHT** Elo's daughter, an editor of a home magazine in Hong Kong, also loves the modern Filipino look. Her bedroom, aptly named "Unica Hija," is just the way she likes it: simple. Note the intricate *capiz* shell detail on the wall above the headboard, also found on one of the wall panels in Elo's bedroom.



**LEFT** Tres Hermanos, the boys' bedroom, houses a precious Ramon Orlina sculpture. While Elo's boys keep everything simple, the room is still mostly in signature wood, the most notable being the headboard, which is made of twigs cut into small pieces.

**RIGHT** A simple side table, purposely left rough on one edge, is another one of interior designer Chino Carlos's creations in the master bedroom. A *capiz* shell inlay adds rich texture and luster to the wall behind the bed.







**NATIVE NUMBER.** LOCAL MATERIALS WERE USED IN CRAFTING THE INTRICATE DETAIL ON THE WOVEN CEILING, GIVING AN OVERALL "BAHAY KUBO" FEEL TO THE SPACE.



## Details



**WASH AS YOU WISH.** Contrasting patterns on the sink vanity are emphasized by the bathroom wall's bright yellow color.



**1. IT'S HUE.** Colorful fabric used as table runners or wall décor around the house is a go-to trick to add life to an all-wood theme.

**2. INSIDE OUT.** A shelf carved into the wall with native *banig* used as backing is an accessory in itself, eliminating the need for more decorative pieces.

**3. SCRAP SMARTS.** A designer's prudent use of wood led to the creation of this one-of-a-kind desk lamp.

**4. ZIG AND ZAG.** Wood in its most natural state provides endless possibilities for design, as seen in this TV stand with a chevron-patterned accent on the sides.

**LUCKY FIND.** The cliché that "everything in this house has a story" holds true for Elo. This chandelier, for instance, with colored glass and copper detail, was a surprise find from a container van filled with European surplus items.





**OLD-TIME LIGHT.** Antique Pendant Lamp, price upon request, Noon at Ngayon Antique Shop

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**BALLERINA LEGS.** Side Table with Turned Legs, price upon request, Artekol



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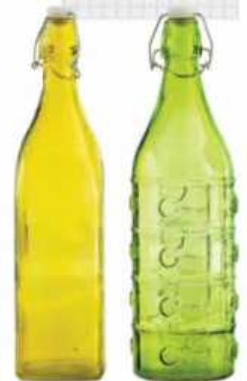
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### { COLOR PALETTE }







# FAMILY TREASURES

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AWAY FROM THE BUSY  
CENTER OF BAGUIO CITY  
IS A HOUSE THAT'S A  
SANCTUARY TO STORIED  
PIECES AND STRONG  
FAMILY TIES





"We wanted just one long room instead of cutting it up...So we just added a dirty kitchen *na lang* at the back. So this is just for us when we cook dessert or when we bake. But we don't really use this for cooking," describes homeowner Aischa Bangaoet. Taking center stage here is the six-seater kamagong dining table on loan from Aischa's mom Pynky Gomez-Magsino. It also happens to be husband Bong's favorite piece. "But it's not ours, unless Mom decides to give it to us!" the homeowner exclaims, to which her mom laughs in reply. You can get a Maskros lamp like this from Möbler.



Thanks to the high ceiling, the living area of the Bangaoets looks very spacious despite the big furniture. Adding interest to this neutral space is an artwork by Carlos Rocha. The unusual window grilles were custom-made by Engr. Rionel P. Lumanog, who spearheaded the construction of this house from ground up. Aischa says, "I didn't want grilles...I was begging *pa* my husband 'Let's not put *na lang*. Let's put lots of dogs!' Finally, that design popped up. I saw it on the Internet, not exactly, but similar."



THIS 380-SQM HOME IS A TESTAMENT TO THE SEAMLESS COEXISTENCE OF VINTAGE PIECES AND MODERN TRIMMINGS.



Aischa and husband Bong originally wanted a bungalow, but Aischa's mom suggested that they go for a high ceiling. To take advantage of the vertical space, Engr. Rionel suggested adding a loft, to which the couple agreed.

## REAL HOMES



It's not hard to feel at ease in this house. Warmth abounds—from the pleasant family milling about to the wooden furniture pieces that are rich in history.

Take, for instance, a small table that greets you on the loft: the top was originally the luggage of homeowner Aischa Bangaoet's great-grandfather, an American, who took the suitcase with him as he was escaping the Japanese during World War II. The piece was preserved by Aischa's mother Pynky Gomez-Magsino, owner of PNKY Vintage Collection (see our "Shop of the Month" on p. 18). There's also a set of drawers that was originally owned by Aischa's grandfather. This was passed on to Aischa's mom, who used it as storage for her daughter's baby clothes; it now sits quietly in a corner.

Having a mother who loves collecting and refurbishing antique and heirloom pieces obviously has its advantages. For one, Aischa and husband Bong already have the big pieces they needed when they moved in to this home more than a year ago. And more importantly, the passion and appreciation for old things rubbed off on Aischa, giving her a clear idea on how she wanted her home to look and feel like.

"My mom is my mentor. Actually, I think it's an inborn gift for my mom and me," says Aischa, who turned her back on being a medical doctor (her husband is a practicing surgeon) to pursue a more creative career in events styling. (Check out her work at [www.thirtyoneevents.com.ph](http://www.thirtyoneevents.com.ph).) That gift was further nurtured by a special tradition that Pynky would practice for each of her children's milestones. "She would gift us with a piece of furniture," Aischa narrates. Turning 10 means getting a *baul*, being 13 means getting a small side table, and so on.



The den, while enclosed in low ceiling, does not feel stuffy nor is it cramped. Here, you'll immediately notice an unusual asymmetrical bookshelf that lends a more playful vibe to the space, breaking the seriousness of more pieces from PNKY. "I was looking for a bookshelf that's unique. I saw something similar, but we kinda made it slanted... So I just had our engineer copy it, and he got it," says Aischa.





Warm light is filtered through Aischa and Bong's bedroom, which is filled with pieces from PNKY Vintage Collection shop owned by Aischa's mom Pynky Gomez-Magsino. This includes the floor lamp, the bed frame, and the dresser (not seen). Adding a cozier ambiance is the sofa from PNKY Bed and Breakfast (a popular B&B in Baguio run by Aischa's mom and her brood, which recently closed down). Aischa had the sofa reupholstered. "I had to take out the legs because they were scratching my tiles," she adds.



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This set steals the scene in a bachelor's bedroom. *Duvet Set, find similar at H&M Home, SM Makati*



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**SWEET AS CANDY.** Your tween daughter will love this on her bed. *Quilted Sheet with Pillow, P899, Robinsons Department Store, at Robinsons malls*





But that's not to say that Aischa has the exact same style as her mom. This 380-sqm property is a testament to a seamless coexistence of vintage pieces and modern trimmings. Aischa explains, "I really don't want a completely antique house because we grew up with everything antique. But then, you know, through the years, people were able to make a fusion of modern and antiques, and it turned out really well."

Awash in white, the whole house is a perfect backdrop for the big wooden pieces from Pynky's furniture and décor shop PNKY. In the living area, leather sofas sit side by side with wooden tables. While the pieces are generously proportioned, the high ceiling and natural light from the big windows render the space airy and refreshing—even the family's 10-year-old Golden Retriever, Coco, loves to plop down here to soak up the afternoon sun.

Right across the living area is the kitchen and dining area, the star of which is the richly grained kamagong dining table that's on loan from Aischa's mom.

On the same floor as these common areas are the bedrooms. Aischa and Bong's room has the same feel as the living area—with big windows that keep the generally neutral space light and airy. Across their door is nine-year-old daughter Sofia's room, which, of course, also sports PNKY pieces mingling with Sofia's toys and accessories. Meanwhile, next-door is Rafael's (Aischa and Bong's eldest son) room, which is also dressed in vintage furniture.

A staircase leads you to the Bangaoets' loft, which houses Rafael's study area and a den. Opposite the den is a small space for the family's pet supplies. Aside from Coco, the Bangaoets also have feline family members: Chili, an American Shorthair; and Charcoal and Ash, which are of Himalayan breed. Right under this space is a catwalk—a private playground for these furry cats.

Touring the Bangaoets' house may take quite some time, but it's time well spent, what with all the interesting things that will pique your curiosity. Aischa is more than happy to tell the story of each piece. Occasionally, daughter Sofia excitedly interjects. The young girl jovially announces that she's soon turning 10, hinting at the possibility of being gifted by her *lola* with an heirloom piece of her own. Apparently, in this family, furniture pieces get passed on from one generation to the next. And as they change hands, each piece gets a new story that makes it more precious than it already is. **RL**



### {INTERIOR TALK}

#### LIVING WITH PETS

It's easy to get a pet for your home, but committing to one can be a challenge. Justin Uy, president of ADA Nature Aquariums (a brand that also carries various pet paraphernalia) dishes out tips to ensure a happy home with pets.

##### 1. Train them properly.

"Besides keeping them away from breakable and fragile items, proper training and constant reminders are the key. Luckily for pet owners today, there are so many products to help secure your Kenneth Cobonpue

from ruin. Products such as pet gates, cat scratching poles, puppy training pads, deterrent sprays, and odor removers are now easily available at pet lifestyle stores like Hobbes & Landes."

##### 2. Keep them happy.

Aside from the usual treats and toys, your four-legged friends will also appreciate having their own "furniture." "Be it a simple floor mat or a plush bed, pets deserve a good place to sleep, too! Cats love to hang out in cat condos or hammocks. In addition, there are also cat toilets or litter boxes for cats to hygienically heed the call

of nature."

**3. Be committed.** Before bringing home that adorable puppy, make sure you and your family are prepared for the responsibilities of being a pet owner. "Do consider how others at home would feel. Someone may be allergic to fur, or you may not be comfortable with leaving a toddler alone with a puppy that would grow very big in a few months," reminds Justin. Also, be financially ready. "Having a pet is just like raising a child—there are meals and unplanned medical expenses to pay for."



AS THEY CHANGE HANDS, EACH PIECE  
GETS A NEW STORY THAT MAKES IT  
EVEN MORE PRECIOUS.



Rafael's bed was, interestingly, originally a *kariton*. "You know the ones that they use with carabaos for hauling the hay?" says Aischa, adding that she eventually plans to change it as soon as Rafael moves to the guestroom. This move is prompted by the need for a bedroom for the couple's youngest, one-year-old Olivia. Presently, Sofia and Rafael share a bathroom, but as they are growing up, Aischa deems it appropriate that her two girls occupy the adjacent bedrooms.



REGULAR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS  
CAN BE USED ALL YEAR ROUND  
AS WHIMSICAL DÉCOR FOR  
YOUR TEEN'S ROOM.

Sofia's room is a study in blue, which  
gives the wooden furniture pieces  
here a refreshing and juvenile spin.  
Fairy lights and colorful linen adorn  
the four-poster bed from PNKY.







#### 1. HISTORY IN A BOX.

Aischa's mom Pynky converted this wooden luggage trunk into a table. The luggage originally belonged to Aischa's great-grandfather, who brought this with him as he was fleeing from the Japanese during World War II.

#### 2. WOOD WORKS.

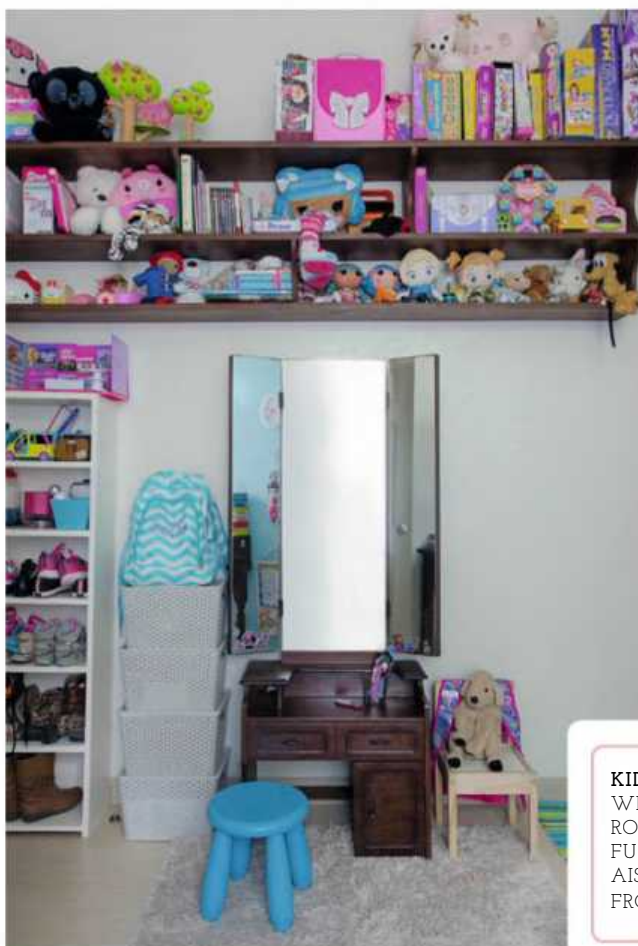
The faux wood brick cladding serves as a unique accent on the wall and door leading to Aischa's son's room.

3. HELLO? The rotary phone base of this lamp is one of the many quirky elements found in the den.

## Details

#### INTO THE BLUE.

Nine-year-old Sofia's room features her current favorite color: blue. The hue contrasts well with old, wooden pieces like this sturdy study desk that Aischa also used when she was a child. It originally belonged to Aischa's grandfather and was shipped from Dumaguete to Baguio. Keeping it playful are Sofia's colorful storage boxes that corral her school supplies and other trinkets. Find a similar desk at PNKY Vintage Collection at 2/L LRI Design Plaza, N. Garcia St., Makati City.



**KID-SIZE.** "SINCE WE GREW UP WITH ANTIQUE FURNITURE IN OUR ROOMS, I REALLY WANTED ANTIQUE FURNITURE IN THEIR ROOMS," SAYS AISCHA. HENCE, THIS VINTAGE DRESSER FROM PNKY IS IN SOFIA'S ROOM.





**TABLE MANNERS.**  
Wood Console Table,  
P24,995, Chez Lez Furne



**THROW BACK.** Yellow Studded Pillow, price available upon request, West Elm; Gray Knitted Pillow, P2,900; Yellow and Gray Chevron Pillow, P2,100, both from Chez Lez Furne

**LIGHT AND FRESH.**  
White Dining Chair, P7,500, Chez Lez Furne



**TIP**  
PICK PILLOWS IN DRAMATIC PATTERNS OR EYE-CATCHING COLORS THAT COMPLEMENT YOUR COUCH.



**CHAIR-Y BLOSSOMS.** White Dining Chair, P8,500, Chez Lez Furne

## GET THE LOOK OF A PLAYFUL BAGUIO HOME



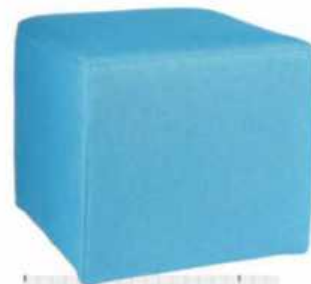
**CENTER STAGE.**  
Chest Coffee Table, P39,990, Mav Furniture

**TIP**  
WHEN USING HEAVY-LOOKING FURNITURE, GO FOR LIGHT-COLORED PIECES TO CREATE THE ILLUSION OF AN AIRY SPACE.

**UNSATURATED UNDERTONE.**  
White Leather 2-seater Sofa, P31,995, Chez Lez Furne



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**BLUE SKIES.** Square Ottoman, P4,950, Chez Lez Furne

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### { COLOR PALETTE }






# LIGHT HEARTED

A SERENE PALETTE, INVITING LIGHT-FILLED  
AREAS, AND NATURAL EPHEMERA COMPLETE  
THIS BEAUTIFUL AND PEACEFUL SPACE



photography **GREG COX/BUREAUX.CO.ZA**  
production **SHELLEY STREET/ BUREAUX.CO.ZA**  
words **MANDY ALLEN/BUREAUX.CO.ZA**





Here in the living room, homeowner Shelley Street's passion for layering and earthy, raw texture is evident. Light floods the space and touches every corner, thanks to large, steel-framed windows, reflective white concrete floors, and the high, open truss ceiling. The centerpiece is a locally produced clay bead chandelier by Mud Studio (get a similar one locally from Triboa Bay Living, Mega Fashion Hall, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City).





The open-plan kitchen is the scene of many collaborative efforts by Shelley and daughter Phoebe, and is an inviting but practical, utilitarian space. Floating shelves host everyday objects as well as special collectibles and inherited items. The palette is largely all white with wood. The hand-carved African chair on one side of the kitchen is a favorite of Shelley's.



Waiting for the coffee to brew, sitting on a sun-drenched daybed under a soaring ceiling, Debussy's *Clair de Lune* playing faintly on the radio as one black cat sidles up for a belly scratch and the other surveys the scene from the branch of a tree outside. It's easy to understand why "a sanctuary for the senses" is how Shelley Street describes the tranquil home that she shares with her daughter Phoebe.

Shelley's house, with its pared-down palette, airy open spaces, glimpses of greenery, and thoughtfully edited contents, act as an antidote to both its location—on the border of Cape Town's frenetic urban fringe—as well as to the homeowner's visually-driven profession. A former magazine stylist and creative and curatorial consultant to South Africa's top lifestyle, fashion, and furniture retailers, Shelley now runs Space Solutions. It's a creative branding studio offering art direction, graphic design, merchandising, and interior styling to a mixed bag of clients. Recently, she has also taken on several high-end residential projects, a direction she describes as "pleasantly unexpected."

The house came into Shelley's and daughter Phoebe's life at "just the right time" via a small classified ad pinned onto a board at a local shopping center. "I postponed an appointment, met the agent there, and told her to consider it sold," recalls Shelley. That was over 10 years ago, and the home, which dates back to 1873, has undergone several renovations since then. "It sounds like such a décor magazine cliché to say that it was dark and neglected and tumbledown in its original state, but that is the truth of it," she says. "Though the potential and character was always there, which is why I fell in love with it."

Huge steel windows were installed, crumbling interior walls restored, exterior walls built, cement floors laid down, ceilings removed, and the layout converted to form a large open-plan living area incorporating a work space as well as two bedrooms and a shared bathroom. "Even I was surprised by how high the ceilings turned out," says Shelley. "There were also several trees on the property that have become a part of the space with the large steel-framed glass doors and windows. I love having the combination of the volume, the light that touches every corner, and the lush greenery outside. It feels very far away from the city. It's very meditative."

Shelley's reverence for simplicity is reflected in a palette consisting of white and underpinned by strong black accents, the subtleties to be discovered in the layering of color and texture. "My personal aesthetic has always been very constant," she explains. "I'd say my colors are 'beach pebble' shades rather than slavishly monochrome—white, obviously, but also charcoals, grays, chalk. Looking around the house before the shoot, I've realized that the faintest washed-out blues have somehow found their way in, too," Shelley says with a laugh.

What's immediately evident is that Shelley is not just a good curator; she's an exceptional one, the many displays and vignettes confirming her country-girl roots.



"I GRAVITATE TOWARDS THINGS THAT ARE NOT MASS-PRODUCED, THAT HAVE THE MARK OF THE PERSON WHO MADE THEM."



In the dining area, the weathered wooden dining table was found on a roadtrip and purchased for the princely sum of R85 (approximately 289 pesos), then strapped to the roof of the car and driven from one end of the country to the other. Original mid-century modern chairs, including a Bertoia Side Chair and Panton S chairs, provide a contemporary contrast to its rustic finish. A display table provides a surface for pebbles, porcupine quills, a sun-faded tortoise shell, and a sculpture bought in Tanzania. The limited-edition poster was bought at the Guggenheim and is of the famed *Woman Walking* by Alberto Giacometti. The pendant shade is by Flos (available at Shangri-La Plaza).





## {INTERIOR TALK}

**FOUND OBJECTS** One of the easiest, most elegant, and incredibly affordable ways to decorate your home is with found objects. Whether you find your treasures on the beach, in the backyard, along a mountain trail, or from a tree, here's how to display them.

**1. Branches.** A dry, leafless branch—especially a large one—can add more drama to a room than a live plant. Place a sculptural branch in a giant ceramic jar, or set it on a shelf to create a still-life vignette.

**2. Shells.** Fill large glass canisters or mason jars with your shell

collection. Add sand (purchase them from aquarium stores) for texture. Always make sure it is not illegal to take shells from the beach you are getting them from.

**3. Rocks.** Pet rocks aren't limited to kids. Corral your collection of pebbles and stones in a shallow shadow box, and display this on your coffee table.

**4. Glass floaters.** Before there were plastic sea floaters, there were glass floaters. Some were found at sea, but today, you can mostly find them in antique shops. Display them in a pile in a large wooden vat or bowl.

The all-white bathroom was fully renovated to incorporate a contemporary tub with an organic form and a large window framing the view of an old tree. Shelley is strictly "anti-curtains," so a high wall backing onto a neighbor's property provides privacy. For a similar tub, get the Sunstruck oval bathtub by Kohler at Dexterton, Greenbelt 5, Makati City.

"I grew up in the Free State province, which is known for its magnificent light, wildlife, and unspoiled wide open spaces, so it's no surprise that I'm drawn to those elements."

Her eye-catching collections of objects are very much at home in the most curious cabinet of curiosities: animal skulls, bones and antlers, bizarre seed pods and burnt protea flowers, coral, shells and pebbles—all discovered on nature walks.

A grouping of ceramics injects a rare pocket of vibrant hues. This includes antique Chinese pots and the work of her friend, acclaimed South African artist Lovell Friedman. Artworks are a passion but have been limited to "non-color" illustrations, old etchings, and photographs, with the exception of two watercolors inherited from her Dutch grandparents and a few local pieces in daughter Phoebe's bedroom. There are many beautiful African pieces too: carved wooden head rests, clay milk pots, and carved stone sculptures bought on local travels to the continent. "I gravitate towards things that are not mass-produced, that have the mark of the person who made them," explains Shelley.

Among the organic clusters of found, salvaged, and gifted ephemera are objects that illustrate Shelley's design creed: original, mid-century modern Pantone, Eames, and Bertone chairs; Jurgen Bey's modern classic Light Shade Shade Ø70 by Moooi; and the centerpiece of the living area—an iconic beaded chandelier by South African design studio Mud, bought by Shelley long before the likes of Anthropologie and the Conran Shop discovered their work. "I'm definitely a purist when it comes to that aspect of design," says Shelley. "It has to be the real thing. If it's a reproduction, I'd rather not own it."

While the inner landscape has a peacefulness that borders on the sacred, this is no monastery. "How could it be with a teenager running around?" says Shelley. "We have our simple rituals like buying fresh food from the market and cooking together, me working at my desk while Phoebe does homework on the dining table or practices her piano, having an afternoon sleep on the daybed in the winter sun, which is our absolute favorite spot... The space is small, but we share it well. There really is nowhere else we'd rather be." **RL**

## DISTRESS CALL

Weathered or distressed pieces are more chic than shabby

**PERCH ON THE NEST.** Your country home won't be complete without this quaintly hand-painted chair. *Side Chair, P6,800, Lucina Home, www.lucina.ph*



### WHITE-WASHED SMILE.

Display your favorite photos in a nostalgic set of frames, *P3,895, Dimensione, Bonifacio High Street*

**RUGGED.** The worn-out finish on this area rug can add an interesting feel to a space. *FM470 Area Rug Abstract Collection, P27,415, www.decolivingmanila.com*



**UPSIDE DOWN EGG.** Summon the coast with this hourglass timer inspired by the seaside. *Egg Timer, P4,500, KISH, www.kish.ph*



"IT HAS TO BE THE REAL THING. IF IT'S A REPRODUCTION, I'D RATHER NOT OWN IT."



Shelley's bedroom has a simple and unadorned purity. Decoration is limited, with the exception of a small bedside vignette, two watercolor paintings inherited from her Dutch grandparents, a Tolomeo desk lamp and Jurgen Bey's Light Shade Shade Ø70 chandelier by Dutch design studio Moooi. Natural light and greenery from a tiny courtyard lend a meditative atmosphere. You can get similar dramatic lighting fixture locally at Azcor, SM Megamall.



## Details



**SIMPLE BUT STRIKING.** SHELLEY'S WORKSPACE FORMS PART OF THE OPEN-PLAN LIVING AREA AND SHOWCASES HER TALENT FOR MAKING MONOCHROMATIC DISPLAYS MORE INTERESTING THAN AUSTERE. FLOATING SHELVES PROVIDE A SURFACE FOR A DISPLAY THAT INCORPORATES BLACK-AND-WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS, ETCHINGS THAT HAVE YELLOWED WITH TIME, FINE ART ILLUSTRATIONS, AFRICAN PIECES, AND NATURAL FOUND OBJECTS SUCH AS SHELLS, SKULLS, ANTLERS, NESTS, SEED PODS AND CORAL. GET SIMILAR FOUND OBJECTS FROM KISH (KISH.PH).



**EVERYDAY EPHEMERA.** An old printer's tray is filled with found objects from the field to the sea. Shelley is skilled in the art of display, having been a professional curator for various lifestyle, home décor, and fashion retailers.



**SURPRISE COLOR.** A grouping of ceramic vases and figures—favorites of Shelley's—injects a rare pocket of jewel-like colors. This vignette includes antique Chinese pots and a ceramic doll by her friend Lovell Friedman. Get similar pieces locally from KISH and Cave.





**GRAY SCALE.**  
Couch,  
P185,550, HAY



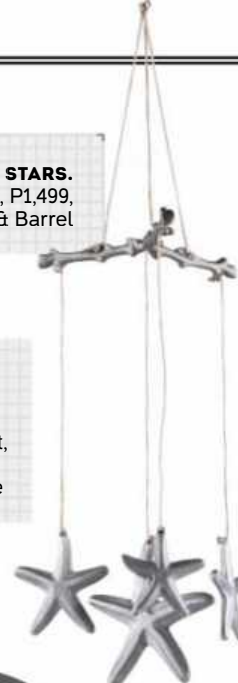
**BLACK AND WHITE.**  
Frame, P399.75, SM Home



**ALL BOTTLED UP.**  
Bottle Decor, prices  
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**DRINK UP.**  
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**SEEING STARS.**  
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**THREE-LEGGED.** Side  
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**DESK DARLING.** Bella  
Desk, price available  
upon request, HAY



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**TIP**  
KEEP YOUR DESK FREE  
OF CLUTTER WITH  
THIS STREAMLINED  
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#### { COLOR PALETTE }





# THE OLD & THE NEW

A DESIGNER SUCCESSFULLY  
WEAVES HIS CLIENT'S LOVE  
FOR ANTIQUES INTO A  
MODERN CONDO UNIT

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styling **DAGNY MADAMBA & TALA SINGSON**  
words **CECILE JUSI-BALTASAR**









Connecting the couch and coffee table is a Persian carpet that Judd salvaged from his grandmother's sidewalk. "My grandmother is at an age where she's starting to give away her things," says homeowner Judd Salas. "When I visited her once, I saw all these beautiful things disposed in a pile on the sidewalk." The carpet was just one of the things Judd rescued from that "garbage pile."

Antiques in a modern 32-sqm condo unit? If you think those two elements—one is ancient, the other brand new—don't sit well together, you may have a point. But somehow, homeowner Judd Salas and interior designer John Vigilia managed to pull it off. They turned this year-old unit into not just a home but also an art gallery and antiques showroom, except nothing in it is for sale.

Judd gave his designer the veto power on his antique pieces and art collection. Whatever didn't pass John's selective eye stayed in Judd's family home. "I had this mirror with a dark wooden frame that I wanted to put in my unit," says Judd. "*Pero hindi pumasa kay John*. He said there was no room for it." A painting by Anita Magsaysay-Ho sits on the floor, half hidden by an ottoman, because there was no place to hang it.

The pieces that did get John's approval have turned the unit into a snug home with an old-world appeal. Take for instance Judd's 1920s art deco dining table, which doubles as his desk. He salvaged the table from his mother's front yard, where it sat exposed to the elements. "I wanted to remove this metal strip that runs along the sides of the tabletop," says Judd, "but they told me the metal strip is a distinct design element of that era. So I just had the table refinished." The table is flanked by a wooden armchair from Cebu and a three-seater bench that Judd bought in Dapitan Arcade. "The

legs are the only original parts left of that bench," says Judd. "John's suppliers restored everything else."

A few feet away from the dining area is the kitchen. "The first time John saw this place, he looked at the kitchen and said, '*Pwede ba'ng gibain ito lahat?*'" says Judd with a laugh. "He removed everything and replaced everything."

"The original beams looked like they'd been crisscrossed," says John. "So we built a ceiling cove to cover the awkward placement of the beams." The lowered ceiling also provided space for recessed lights; when Judd moved in, the unit just had sockets for bulbs.

Judd credits John's thorough "personality tests" for the design that fits his lifestyle perfectly. "When we were conceptualizing the design, John showed me a series of pictures and asked me what I thought of them. He told me, 'This will help me determine what you like in terms of themes and approaches to design,'" the homeowner recalls.

From these "tests," John discovered that his client liked mirrors and glass, so he put up a wall of mirrors spanning the dining and living areas. These mirrors, assisted by the natural light rushing in through the wall-to-wall window, significantly extend the unit's visual space. For storage, John put in a custom-made cabinet and installed glass shelves above it. A Madonna and Child oil painting from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century takes care of the antique element in that area.

Two modern framed prints by German artist Dieter



"I LIKE TO BRING PART OF MY HERITAGE WITH ME WHEREVER I GO," SAYS JUDD.

On regular days, Judd's dining table turns into a workplace. But because of a small beaver fur rug (bought at an antique shop in Dallas, Texas) slung over Judd's chair, the area has stylish flair. The wine glasses are mainstays, though, since Judd's mini bar is always well stocked with all sorts of booze.

[ FLOOR PLAN ]

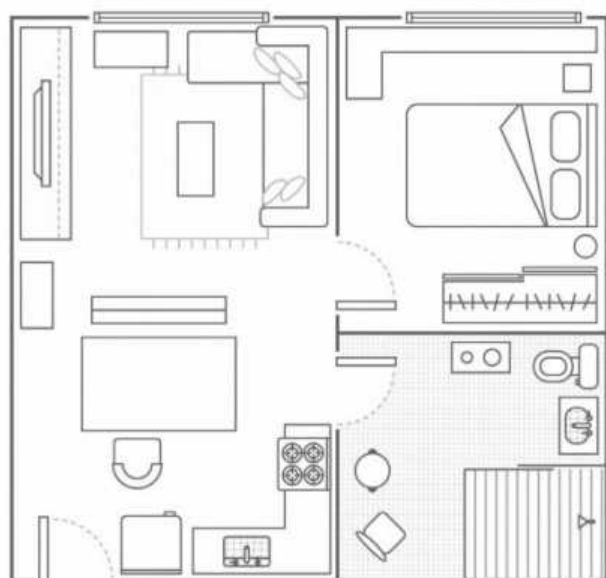


illustration RIAN BAUTISTA

### {INTERIOR TALK}

#### ANTIQUES IN CONDOS

Interior designer John Vigilia, who worked on Judd Salas's condo unit, spills some tips on how to incorporate antiques in a modern setting. Yes, it can be done!

1. "Do not be afraid of **mixing contrasting elements**," says John. Grouping items according to their color or finish will still give a cohesive appearance.
2. "Follow a **small-medium-large rule** when grouping pieces according to their scale

and proportion," says John. If you have just one small piece and one big piece, however, avoid putting them side-by-side.

**3. "Put together old and new items,"** says John. "Both will have contrasting features that will make each piece stand on its own."

**4.** On the tendency to over-populate an area: "**Give each piece breathing space** so your eyes will not be confused with a barrage of elements."





Korbanka update the space. These hang over Judd's L-shaped couch, an unexpected point of contention for Judd and John.

"I told John early on, '*Pangarap ko sa buhay na magkaroon ng L-shaped couch*,'" says Judd. "But in the grand scheme of things, I think an L-shaped couch is at the bottom rung for John." Still, Judd bought his cozy couch at SM Home; John compromised by making taupe seat covers to hide the couch's original brown-black upholstery. Complementing the couch are two side tables put together to form a coffee table. Judd bought these tables from a friend who was moving house.

Judd's bedroom also suits his personality. The forest green accent wall doubles as his headboard, and Judd believes the color keeps his room restful. The color represents all sorts of metaphysical elements for Judd: "vegetation, new things, regeneration."

The wall in Judd's room also carries some of the oldest items in his home: a couple of 200-year-old astronomical prints, which Judd bought in an antique shop in the UK. A 257-year-old woodblock print also shares space on the customized cabinet by the window. Again, John used mirrors to visually extend the bedroom—he installed these on Judd's closet doors, which John also built. Next to this is Judd's bathroom/smoking room/huddle room. "When my friends come over, we like to stay here in the bathroom to smoke and chat," says Judd.

It's a pleasant surprise that the bathroom, often designed as an afterthought, is such a bright and spacious room. The tiles, reminiscent of those used in Judd's great-grandmother's house, were sourced from Wilcon. Aside from tiling the bathroom, John also had a shower enclosure made. This makes sure that the rest of the bathroom stay dry, including two prints of Modena, Italy that were gifts from the mayor of Modena, and even a signed pencil sketch by Picasso. "I like to bring a part of my heritage with me wherever I go," says Judd. "It reminds me of who I am and where I came from." Who knew that his heritage, built on antiques and precious art, could find their space in this cozy home? **RL**

The antiques and family heirlooms that are in Judd's home weren't gifts from his family—most of these items, he plucked from his family home. One of the few things that his mom gave him was a green lamp that now hangs in Judd's bathroom. "It's difficult to understand," says Judd. "Of the paintings, furniture, and other precious items, she gives me this hanging glass lamp." You can find similar machuka-patterned tiles like these at Wilcon Depot, Libis, Quezon City.

## FINE CHINA

The rich history of the Chinese culture is made evident in its seating design

**TEN FOLDS.** The craftsmanship and provenance of this delicate Chinese chair make it a perfect piece for a collector. *Folding Chair*, P40,000, Noble Dream House Gallery, G/L, LRI Design Plaza, 210 N. Garcia St., Makati City



*Dun Barrel Stool*, P28,000, Noble Dream House Gallery

### FLOWER DRUM SONG.

The exquisite craftsmanship of the Dun stool goes back thousands of years.



**SONG DYNASTY.** Inject a bit of Asian history with this chair from an ancient dynasty. *Horseshoe Chair*, P65,000, Noble Dream House Gallery



### BEAT IT.

Instead of the usual ottoman, accent your living room with something more exotic.

*Drum Stool*,

P49,900 for a set of 2 stools and table, ID Furniture, 2100 Chino Roces Ave. Ext., Makati City



With just one sweep of Judd's bedroom, one can immediately see his love for books and small items. A statue of the sleeping St. Joseph, a wooden coin bank from Judd's childhood, antique bowls from a friend, a picture of the Goddess of Mercy from Thailand (a gift from Judd's father to his mother)—all these things adorn Judd's cabinet top, where they overlook the grassy lawn outside the unit.

THE COLOR GREEN REPRESENTS ALL SORTS OF METAPHYSICAL ELEMENTS FOR JUDD: "VEGETATION, NEW THINGS, REGENERATION."



**FOR ART'S SAKE.** Judd considers this 200-year-old Madonna and Child painting his favorite piece. It was with him when he was living in Cebu and Benguet.



**SWEET DREAMS.** A PAINTING OF THREE PEOPLE PLAYING INSTRUMENTS ADD INTEREST TO THIS OTHERWISE BARE WALL. "I LIKE POSITIVE THINGS LIKE THAT ENTERING MY HEAD WHEN I SLEEP AT NIGHT," SAYS JUDD.



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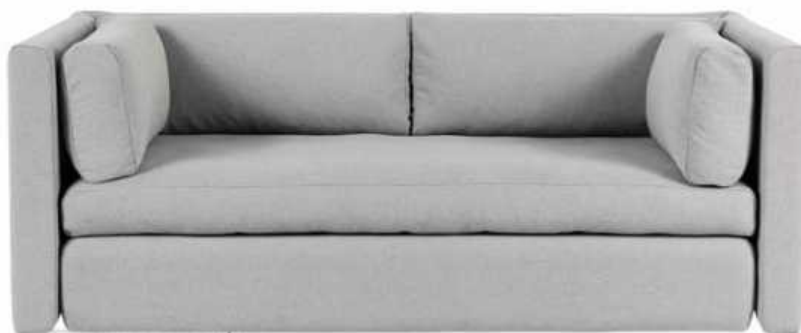
**GRAND GRANITE.** John decided to extend the granite top up to the ceiling for a more uniform look. It proved to be a good thing because it lets everything else pop, including Judd's coffee press and his treasured family heirloom recipe.



**MONA LISA SMILE.** The Mona Lisa reproduction is actually a clock given by a friend. It shares shelf space with other curious finds in Judd's bedroom, including antique bowls and an antique jewelry box, which Judd's grandmother had left for trash.



**TIMEKEEPER.**  
Gray Wall  
Clock, P179.75,  
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**SITSCAPE.** Wrong  
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**ARMOIRE OF LIGHT.**  
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**TIP**  
GROUP SIMILAR  
DÉCOR IN VARYING  
HEIGHTS FOR  
A TOUCH OF  
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Knitted Pillow, P499, Teal  
Pillowcase, P499, both  
from H&M Home



**TIP**  
STYLIZED FORMS  
LIKE THIS DÉCOR  
BRING A MODERN  
FEEL TO A SPACE.

**FLY HIGH.** Rocking Bird  
Accessory, price available  
upon request, West Elm

**SIT STILL.** White  
Horseshoe Chair,  
price available upon  
request, ID Furniture



### { COLOR PALETTE }



bamboo  
leaf



tapestry  
blue



gray  
dawning



natural  
oak



melted  
butter





# LOCAL FLAVOR

THIS YOUNG  
COUPLE'S NEST  
IS EQUAL  
PARTS MODERN  
FILIPINIANA  
AND COLORFUL  
QUIRK

Homeowner Paula Peralejo-Fernandez bought the baskets first, then asked her husband Charlie to make a shelf for it. "Sometimes, it's nothing complicated. It depends on what we need," she says.





*"Sobrang dami naming chairs!" exclaims Paula, whose sister used to have chairs customized for her home. When that sister moved to a smaller place, she gave Charlie all the chairs. The good thing about it is that Paula can keep on changing the chairs, depending on who and how many they're entertaining. Mismatched throw pillows jazz up the daybed in the living room, while native straw hats add visual interest to the space.*

photography **DAIRY DARILAG** styling **TALA SINGSON** words **BUBBLES SALVADOR**





The top of an old piano is peppered with Filipiniana accoutrements; their favorite is the “C at P” DIY project of their niece used at Charlie and Paula’s wedding.

**T**he Fernandez home is the kind that makes you ask all sorts of questions the minute you step inside: Where are all these masks from? Why do they have so many chairs? What places have they been to? And perhaps the most interesting: Why is everything so organized?

Welcome to the home of Charlie and Paula, a young married couple whose interests run the gamut of traveling, bird watching, and crafting. They can spend a whole day talking about these things, but they are most passionate about creating the kind of home that is brimming with stories about their family.

This bachelor’s pad-turned-home-for-two was built in the ’90s when Charlie’s mom decided that it was more practical to replace their spacious family home with several homes in the compound. A cousin lived here for some time before Charlie moved in. “*Kasi masasayang kung hindi titirhan,*” he says.

Recalls Charlie, “My mom is very efficient and values old materials. The *piedra china* [referring to the unpolished Chinese granite material used in the flooring on the first floor—Ed.] all came from the big house, and were distributed to all the other houses. Some of the wooden panels on the second floor, as well as the doorknobs, are from the old house as well.”

The 450-sqm, two-story home with an attic has a resort feel, with generously sized windows that allow air to circulate. “*Gusto ng mom ko, labas-pasok yung air.* Again, for efficiency. She likes it *maaliwalas*. She designed this, although she’s not an architect or an interior designer,” Charlie adds.

When he moved in sometime in 2006, Charlie started an interesting collection of antiques, but admittedly, he didn’t know a thing about interior design. Plus, he lived alone without any help, so he wanted to keep cleaning to a minimum.

## {INTERIOR TALK}

### REUPHOLSTERING FURNITURE

Should you do it yourself or should you hire a professional? Interior designer Kimi Manuel answers frequently asked upholstery questions.

#### 1. When is it okay to reupholster?

“Homeowners must first determine the quality of the chair because this determines if it is worth reupholstering for extended use. A good quality chair is made of solid wood such as narra and Philippine mahogany. The chair’s condition must also be inspected for signs of wood infestation such as bore holes.”

#### 2. Should you get a professional to do it?

“It is best to have a professional upholsterer accomplish the reupholstery work because he knows which parts of the furniture, such as springs, can still be reused. He would also know if the frame needs repair.”

#### 3. Are there times you can DIY?

“Do-it-yourself upholstery may be done on simpler forms such as straight-edged ottomans, drop-in seats of traditional chairs (involving only plywood base, foam, muslin, cover fabric, and tacks), and loose pieces such as box cushions on the seat and backs of armchairs and sofas. The covers of box cushions may be sewn with zippers so it can be removed and washed.”

#### 4. Any tips on choosing upholstery fabric?

“Consider the type of piece of furniture, its use and where it will be used, and your own personal style preference. Furniture that is subject to daily heavy wear such as dining chairs must have durable fabric. If you have children and pets at home, go for colors that won’t show dirt easily, like darker beige, mocha, and grays. If the furniture is traditional in form and you would like the fabric to be consistent, you may choose fabrics such as brocade, chenille, and damask.”





According to Charlie, the dining table is from an old house. Because of its irregular height, it was obviously used for something else. "They're saying it might have been a working table for priests—*kung saan nilalatag yung mga binabasa nila*," Charlie says. More colorful chairs are placed around the table, and a console table nearby holds travel mementos.



"WE'RE NOT CONSCIOUS ABOUT BRANDS. OUR STUFF DOESN'T HAVE TO BE EXPENSIVE," SAYS PAULA.





**THIS PAGE** Charlie bought the bed in the master bedroom back when he was still single. When Paula moved in, she livened it up with an interesting assortment of pillows. Art by Alan Malunes accentuates the plain wall above it.

**OPPOSITE PAGE** Parquet floors set off Paula's vintage dresser, solihya chair with brocade cushion, and even the vertical wooden panels on the wall.

brands. Our stuff doesn't have to be expensive. We like doing it ourselves because it comes out cheaper, and it's so personalized to your space."

This is how they divide the work, according to Paula: "I come up with the idea, and he's the carpenter. He's a graduate of YouTube university—he learned everything there. Whenever we feel like doing or need something like the shelves, we make time to do it. He does the 'nerd' work, and he's very good at it."

Charlie recalls that as a child, he has always liked fixing and building things. Paula as a young girl, on the other hand, remembers being a fan of the seaside theme, and her bedroom would be inspired by the store displays of Roxy and Billabong in the United States.

Apart from their treasured DIY projects, the couple also collects all sorts of accessories during their travels, especially around the Philippines. They target to visit all the provinces, and to date, they only have less than 10 provinces to go to. Charlie and Paula run an online travel agency together ([www.ourrestlessfeet.com](http://www.ourrestlessfeet.com)), and because they can work from practically anywhere (as long as there's Internet connection), they have the chance to go around—and even outside—the country.

Their hauls from around Luzon make up most of their collection, but Paula confesses, "We love mats—colorful mats. I treasure the ones we got straight from the weavers in Mindanao. Normally, that's what we pay extra baggage for. What we do is research where to buy, and not in the souvenir shops."

Their home is literally filled with things that hold much meaning for them, and figuratively, with stories that tell so much about their life together. Paula mentions they have, at one point, discussed author Marie Kondo and the movement to purge one's belongings based on what gives you joy. "What will we throw out? Everything gives us joy!" she exclaims. "We're happy with being a *basurero*. We're the same, so *walang pumipigil sa amin*. Ang ending, we have so much stuff! We already took out a lot! *Pero masaya na kami dito*. We like it!" **RL**

In 2013, Charlie and Paula got married, and it was then when their home started to get that much-needed feminine touch. Paula, who got her flair for home decorating from her mom, used playful prints on throw pillows, potted plants, and other accessories to soften the look of the mostly wood-red brick structure of the home.

Being unable to bear seeing anything go to waste seems to have rubbed off on the couple as well. Paula laughs, "We're officially *basureros*," adding that anything that their relatives don't want or need anymore, they gladly welcome into their home.

Friends tell them that the house now looks more like a home than a museum, Paula says. What makes it even homier is the fact that the couple worked together on a lot of do-it-yourself projects, be it a lamp or a set of shelves. Paula explains, "We're not conscious about

## MAD UPHOLSTERY

Jazz up a bland corner with these funky upholstered pieces!

**NEO NEON.** A bit of fluorescent never hurt anyone. A Chair Is Still A Chair, P20,000, Tet & Maggie



FALS TEXT!



**BRUSHSTROKES.** This settee will blend well in a pastel room. Oh! Brighter Days Amelie Settee, P45,000, Heima

**MOLLY, THE ARTIST.** Highlight this accent piece against white or gray walls. Oh! Brighter Days Molly Armchair, P30,000, Heima

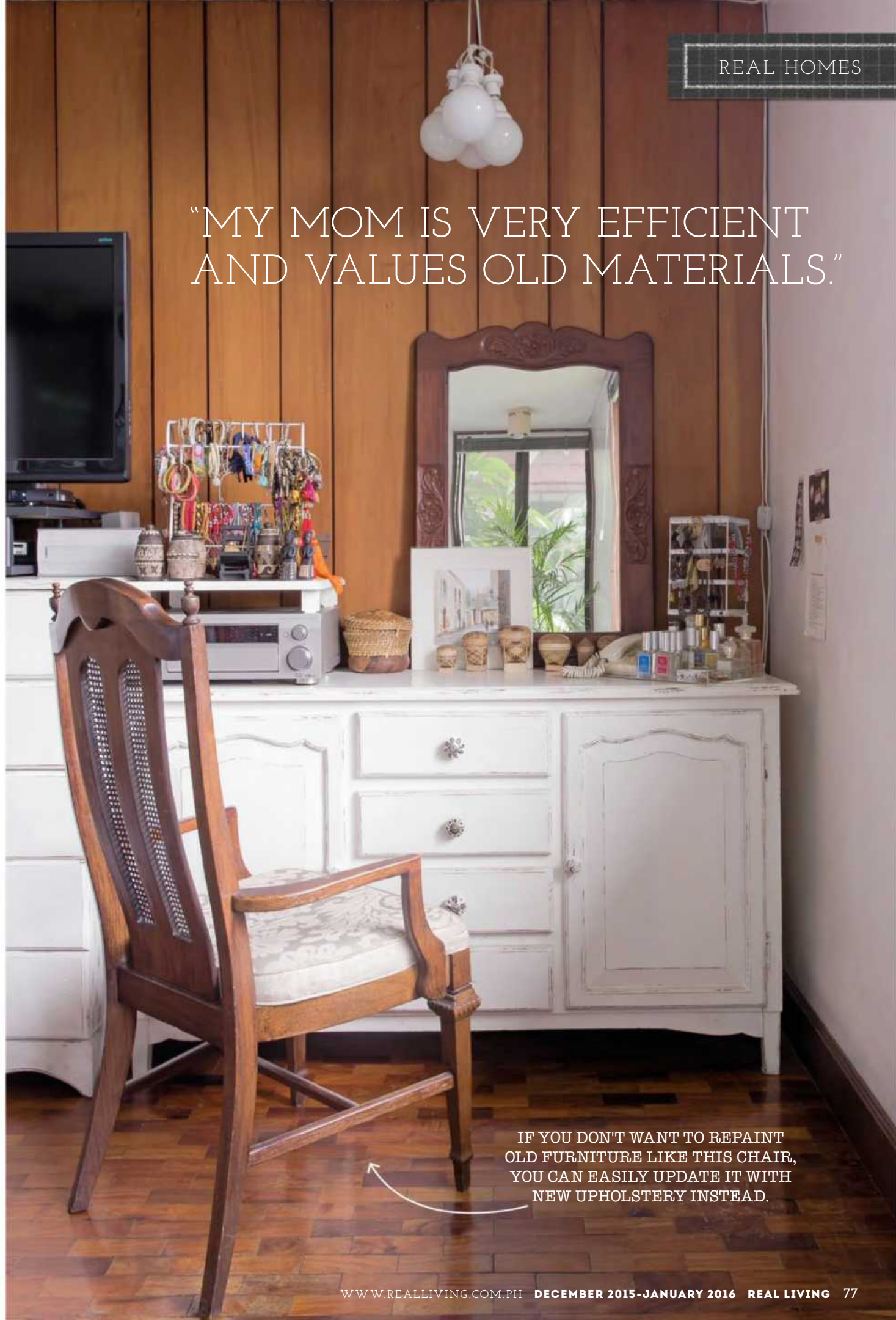


**ROCK-A-BYE.** Update a worn-out, well-loved piece. Wooden Rocker, P9,500, Tet & Maggie





"MY MOM IS VERY EFFICIENT  
AND VALUES OLD MATERIALS."



IF YOU DON'T WANT TO REPAINT  
OLD FURNITURE LIKE THIS CHAIR,  
YOU CAN EASILY UPDATE IT WITH  
NEW UPHOLSTERY INSTEAD.



**MASKING IT.** MASKS LINE UP THE WALL OF THE FOYER. NOTE THIS INTERESTING DETAIL: THE COUNTRY OR PROVINCE OF ORIGIN IS WRITTEN IN CHALK ON THE BRICK WALL.



## Details



**1. TICKET TO THE WORLD.** Modern touches such as this travel vignette provide a glimpse into the couple's many passions.

**2. BRICK BY BRICK.** The red brick accent wall adds a rustic feel to the space, tempering the Filipiniana look.

**3. THREE-PEAT.** Good things definitely come in threes, as seen in this trio of mini woven baskets adding an interesting layer to this nook.

**4. LIFE'S A BEACH.** Professing a love for the beachside theme, Paula just couldn't help creating this spot in the garden with colorful beach chairs and framed prints.

### ALWAYS GUEST-READY.

Although Charlie and Paula are vegetarians and do not stock up on meat, their kitchen is always ready with essentials for entertaining guests.



**TRAVEL PLANS.** New World Globe, P4,500, KISH; Globe, P6,995, Dimensione



**NATIVE CATCH.** Buri Metro Tray, price available upon request, Hacienda Crafts

**TIP**  
A HAMMOCK ADDS A LAIDBACK FEEL PLUS EXTRA LOUNGING IN A SEMI-OUTDOOR SPACE.



**SUSPENSION GEAR.** Hammock, P995, Kayumangear

**PATTERN & TYPE.** Yellow Throw Pillow, P499, H&M Home; Scrabble Throw Pillow, price available upon request, Bo Concept



**AGED TREASURE.** Wooden Chest, P5,850, Luona Concept Store



**TIP**  
SOFTEN A PREDOMINANTLY WOODEN LIVING SPACE WITH A DELICATE THROW.



# GET THE LOOK OF A PINOY TRAVELER'S HOME

## WHERE TO BUY:

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WWW.MOSDESIGN.COM.PH

**CASA LIGNA**  
235 N. GARCIA ST., MAKATI CITY  
TEL. (02) 553-8973

**CRATE & BARREL**  
4/L MEGA FASHION HALL, SM MEGAMALL, MANDALUYONG CITY

**DIMENSIONE**  
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TEL. (02) 856-6756

**HACIENDA CRAFTS**  
WWW.HACIENDACRAFTS.COM

**H&M HOME**  
G/L SM MAKATI, AYALA CENTER, MAKATI CITY

**KAYUMANGEAR**  
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/KAYUMANGEAR

**LUONA CONCEPT STORE**  
WWW.LUONACONCEPTSTORE.COM

**TET & MAGGIE**  
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MOBILE 0917-587-6357 (TET); 0917-792-9020 (MAGEL)  
INSTAGRAM: @TETANDMAGGIE



**ABOVE GROUND.** Lattice Double Wooden Mat, P3,829, Crate & Barrel

**BETWEEN BRANCHES.** Ipswich Side Table by Natalie Buijs, P22,500, Casa Ligna



**OCEANIC FLAIR.** Oceano Throw, P4,559, Crate & Barrel

**BREAK A LEG.** Inday Cadapan "A Mother's Love" Bohol Antique Chair, P28,000, Tet & Maggie



## { COLOR PALETTE }







# REAL LIVING COMES ALIVE

*Real Living* hosted its third annual Real Living Space, the magazine's ultimate shopping and design showhouse, this past September, giving attendees the chance to walk through the pages of *Real Living* for design and style inspiration like only the Philippines' best-selling home magazine can.

Held in Mandaluyong City and presented by Avida, JamesHardie, Boysen and American Standard, this year's event featured the work of 11 designers, architects and stylists who brought six spaces to life at the Avida Towers Centera showroom, including studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom spaces. This year's talented team, made up of Kristine Neri-Magturo, John Vigilia, Misty Floro and Pai Edles of Morfosis Design, Allen Oblena, Vera Villarosa-Orila, Kat Villanueva-Lopez, Pam Tan, and Paul Baes and Joel Salazar of Lucina, and Camyl Besinga, transformed the bare spaces — complete with a fresh coat of paint into chic, cool and practical designs that can be reproduced in one's own home.

Following the Real Living Space media and VIP launch and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, September 24, the magazine opened the doors to the venue to the public over the weekend to give everyone a chance to see *Real Living* in real life and show them ways they can update their own spaces, no matter their style preferences. Additionally, guests had the chance to buy products featured in the design of the spaces, participate in enlightening DIY and home improvement workshops, and speak with designers and brand representatives about their own project concerns at a special trade fair on the grounds.



The designers along with RL and Avida cut the ribbon to open RL Space 2015.



Noted interior designer Leo Almeria gives a talk on fabric for Townes.



RL editor Rachel Medina and publisher Tom Castaneda at the opening.





Black Thumb MNL's Joanne Bohol talking about plant care.

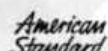


Guests enjoying a Plush House workshop with La Pomme.



IF YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS YEAR'S REAL LIVING SPACE, LOG ON TO [www.realliving.com.ph/rlspace](http://www.realliving.com.ph/rlspace)

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# realliving Notebook

## Home maintenance 101

Keep your home in tip-top shape all year round with tips from a designer and an architect. Prepare for emergency repairs at home, too, with toolbox must-haves.

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# RL NotebookCalendar

## December 2015



- Throw pillows, prices available upon request, **Heima**
- First Aid Kit, P1,095, **True Value**
- Typhoon Vintage Kitchen Canister with Cover, P810, **True Value**
- McGuire Beatcase, P15,000, **Re/tazzo**

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			Rizal Day National Holiday	New Year's Eve		

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		Check your home for improvements. Read the next pages for maintenance tips.			Do some New Year spring-cleaning this weekend. Check out <a href="http://www.realliving.com.ph">www.realliving.com.ph</a> for purging tips.	
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				Looking for a weekend retreat? Check out places to visit in the City of Pines on p. 22		
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				Stock up on your toolbox. See the last page of the RL Notebook for the essentials.		SUN 31

## January 2016

CERISE STREET BCT14-7703S	PALETTE OF THE MONTH: RETRO COOL all from Boysen Paints
CYBER POLICE BCT14-7401S	
RAW SILK BCT14-7202S	
RICH PEAT BCT14-7801S	
TIFFANY MORNING BCT14-7501S	



# Home maintenance: interiors

INTERIOR DESIGNER JANE KARLA SAMSON OF IDEAL INTERIOR DESIGN SERVICES ANSWERS COMMON INTERIOR CONCERNS AND HOW TO ADDRESS THEM

## WALLS

**Why does paint peel over time? How can I solve this?** “If paint peels from an interior wall, it is because the paint does not stick properly to the surface beneath. This is caused by moist walls, an improperly prepared surface, incompatible paint layers, and poor quality paint. To avoid this, assess and prepare the area and surface and clean the surface before painting. Prep the wall with a solid primer, and never paint a room before and after rainfall to avoid moisture. Also, research about the paint you want before buying.”

**What should I do if the paint starts peeling?** “Scrape away the loose paint, repair any cracks on the wall with patching compound, and sand it to make it smooth before applying primer. Clean the wall with cloth to remove dirt. Seal and prevent moisture problem by applying the primer and allowing it to dry accordingly. Then apply the paint, allow it to dry, and apply a second coat if desired.”

**How about peeling wallpaper? What should I do with it?** “To repair it, apply wallpaper adhesive with a paint brush. Cover the entire piece with wallpaper adhesive, especially the ends. Press it back onto place, and smooth it down with clean hands or a roller. To fix bubbles underneath the surface,

check or feel the bubble to determine if inadequate gluing causes it or if there is dirt underneath. Slice a small X into the bubble with a cutter then flatten the bubble or remove the dirt. Apply wallpaper adhesive to the back of the wallpaper, then roll the paper back into place with a damp rag.”

## LIGHTING

**When is it time to replace light bulbs?** “It’s time to change light bulbs when it often burns out or overheats, or when the lamp color and wattage are not appropriate for a task usually done in a certain room,” Jane says. Also, consider buying a new set when you’re already spending too much on high-energy consumption.

## FLOORING

**When is it time to change my flooring?** “Regardless of the quality and type of flooring you have, it will reach a point where it needs replacement—when it is no longer functional, no longer in good condition because of wear and tear, when it is already outdated, and no longer safe. Any damage done to the flooring are usually remedied by replacing it. For flooring that has become dull, which is what usually happens to vinyl, wood, and ceramic or porcelain flooring, you can refurbish it with products made for restoring shine.”



1. Boysen 701-Flat White Primer (1 Quart), P149.75; 2. Paint Scraper, P74.75; 3. Pioneer Epoxy Clay, P149.75, 4. Eagle Carpentry Tool Level, P179.75; 5. Dust Mask, P160, all from Ace Hardware 6. Finishing Nail # 2, 32.75/ per pack; 7. Method Squirt+Mop Hard Floor Cleaner Lemon, P625; 8. Method Squirt+Mop Wood Floor Cleaner Almond, P625; 9. Pledge Furniture Polish, P450; 10. Firefly LED Bulb, P450 for set of five, all from True Value





# Home maintenance: exterior

DUBAI-BASED ARCHITECT FRIJOHN KEITH MANALASTAS GIVES TIPS ON HOW TO MAINTAIN YOUR HOUSE'S SHELL



## ROOF

**What are the common causes of roof damage?**

"Common damage may be caused by the paint or primer applied, how it was installed, or the availability of materials used. In some scenarios, especially in the Philippines, majority of homeowners use traditional roof materials like galvanized iron, which are mostly subjected to discoloration because of corrosion or *kalawang*."

**How do we address them?** "To minimize damage, we have to use the right tools and materials. We have to apply the right protection to the roof during installation."

**When is it time to change the entire roof?**

"Immediately when leaks occur, but you do not have to change the entire roof right away. In some situations, only a part of the roof is affected. However, homeowners should consider how old the roof is because the stability of the roof material is highly important. If the quality of the roof is no longer good, then it's time to change it."

## DOORKNOBS

**How do we keep doorknobs from getting stuck?**

"Most door knobs get stuck due to frequent use. To avoid malfunctions, use the right grease or oil. Always clean your doorknobs with a cloth and warm water to avoid dust from accumulating. And remember to use the right doorknobs that suit each room, depending on its function." Try WD-40 lubricant spray, which is available at leading hardware stores.

**When is it time to replace doorknobs?** "Replace them immediately if they're not functioning well anymore. If you put your key inside the keyhole and the doorknob doesn't unlock, it's time to change it."

## HOUSE FAÇADE

**How often should you repaint?** "When you've observed that the color tones have changed. Paint can last for ten years if you purchase the best quality. Otherwise, it can last only two monsoons."

1. Ace Hardware Duct Tape Blue, P150, Ace Hardware
2. Aluminum Step Ladder, P519; 3. Safety Gloves, P409; 4. Shutter Tool Box, P595; 5. WD-40, P159.75; 6. Lotus Saw, P329, all from True Value
7. Veatu Faultless Bed & Bath Door Knob, P340, Handyman;
8. Bostik Roof & Gutter Silicone Sealant, P239.75; 9. Selley's Awning & Roofing Sealant, P419.75, all from Wilcon Depot





**WIRE CUTTER.** "Use this tool for fast cutting of wires and other materials." Stanley Wire Stripper, P270, Handyman



**PLIERS.** "A pair of pliers will help you get an easy grip on wire materials that need fastening." Daiken Diagonal Pliers, P105, Handyman



**HAMMER AND NAILS.** "These are essential for quick, emergency reinforcements inside the house." Stanley Hammer, P329.75; Lotus Rubber Mallet, P139; Nails for Walls, P74.75 per half kilo; Nails for Roof, P93.75 per kilo, all from Wilcon Depot

**SCREWDRIVERS.** "Keep a set of screw drivers for electronic devices and other furniture and hardware that need reinforcement." Buffalo 6-piece Mini Screwdriver Set, P129, True Value



## 10 TOOLBOX MUST-HAVES

Architect Anthony Yan suggests which tools to have ready, whether you're prepping for storms or for simple home emergencies

**ELECTRIC TAPE.** "To cover exposed and damaged wires." Electric Tape, P15 each, Handyman



**WRENCHES.** "Use wrenches to repair damaged plumbing pipes, drains, fixtures, fittings, and others." Combination Wrenches, P375 for a set of five, Handyman



**CONCRETE TROWEL.** "Use one for quick and easy plastering repairs." Concrete Cement Trowel, P175, True Value



### WHERE TO BUY:

**ACE HARDWARE**  
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MANDALUYONG CITY  
WWW.ACEHARDWARE.PH

**HANDYMAN**  
LG/L ROBINSONS FORUM, EDSA COR.  
PIONEER ST., MANDALUYONG CITY  
WWW.HANDYMAN.COM.PH

**TRUE VALUE**  
6/L SHANGRI-LA PLAZA,  
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WWW.TRUEVALUE.COM.PH

**WILCON DEPOT**  
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NORTE MURPHY, LIBIS, QUEZON CITY  
TEL. (02) 634-8387

**MEASURING TAPE.** Avoid erroneous estimates in building and repairing with this must-have tool. Lotus Measuring Tape (10ft.) P75; (25ft.) P340, both from Wilcon Depot



**WATER RESISTANT SEALANT.** "Use a water-resistant sealant to immediately plug leaks inside the house." Pioneer Pro ElastoSeal, P124.75, Wilcon Depot



**SMALL ROLLERS.** "Use these for easy repainting tasks." Mini Paint Roller with Paint Tray, P74.75, Ace Hardware







# THREE'S NOT A CROWD

A TINY  
BEDROOM GETS  
TRANSFORMED  
INTO A  
SPACIOUS  
HAVEN FOR  
THIS YOUNG  
BROOD OF  
THREE




BEFORE

interiors **VERA VILLAROSA-ORILA**  
photography **DAIRY DARILAG** (after)  
& **KURT ALVAREZ** (before)  
styling **PAULA DE GUZMAN**  
words **SUNSHINE SELGA FUNA**



## AFTER



The family of three can now sleep comfortably in this queen-size bed from Robinsons Department Store. Meanwhile, Nippon paint from Handyman was used to create a charming wall behind the headboard. Vera added a touch of whimsy by painting three speech bubbles to represent the Tobiases.

IT'S NOT REALLY UNUSUAL for parents to share a room with their kids. In the Tobias family's case, though, this arrangement is barely convenient. The bedroom, which is not even nine square meters big, has enough room for only a full-size bed and a modest closet. "*Minsan hiras nga kami matulog... nakalabas na yung paa namin. Sanay na yung paa ko na naka-hang!*" says Kristine, who shares the small bed with husband Toby and their son Josh. "*Parang ang function nung room kasi, for adults lang talaga nung wala pa kaming kid,*" adds Toby.

Expanding the space, of course, is interior designer Vera Villarosa-Orila's main solution. Together with architect Hector Ligeralde, Vera's team extended the couple's bedroom by tearing down the dry wall that separates it from the adjacent room that was originally intended as Josh's bedroom. (Since the four-year-old does not want to sleep there alone, the space had been converted into a storage room.)

To maximize the bigger space, Vera bought a queen-size foam bed together with plush pillows and linen from Robinsons Department Store. This she placed against the door of the former master bedroom (Vera had the door sealed off, creating one big wall behind the bed). She customized a bed frame to accommodate built-in drawers for storage—one of the couple's special requests. To cozy up the "new" bedroom, Vera installed floating bedside "tables" made of pretty wooden organizers and trays from Robinsons Department Store. These she propped up on brackets—an ingenious and space-saving trick that lends a charming touch to the area.

Vera also had a floor-to-ceiling closet made, and this she placed in one corner of the room. And since the space is still shared with Josh, the designer saw it fit to create a corner for him, which includes a small study desk and a handful of quirky décor.

Tying together these brand-new pieces is a light, refreshing color scheme that the couple preferred: tiffany blue and white, thanks to Nippon paints from Handyman. Vera also created more visual interest by using paint from Nippon's Sparkle Silver series to add subtle, faux woven texture on some walls.

With proper space planning coupled with charming accessories and organizers from Robinsons Department Store and Handyman, this small, constricted bedroom became a more spacious sanctuary. And if there's any indication that the Tobias family loves the renovation, it's shy Josh's excitement and beaming face.



AFTER

BEFORE



## INTERIOR DESIGNER VERA VILLAROSA- ORILA GIVES TIPS ON SHARING A BEDROOM WITH KIDS

★ **REMEMBER THAT IT'S STILL YOUR BEDROOM.** Pick the colors you want kasi it's still your room," Vera advises parents. "It's not the room of the kid. *Lalaki yung bata* eventually, *tapos hindi naman niya 'yon maaalala*, and he'll have his own room."

★ **BUT MAKE A COMPROMISE.** "Dapat merong kid's corner, pero hindi rin dapat ganun ka-kiddie para pagpasok ng parents, hindi nila ma-feel na hindi nila room 'yon. It doesn't have to be colorful." Vera suggests adding kiddie touches by way of small patterned or printed accessories and toys. "Uso na ngayon yung neutral colors for kids' rooms and babies' rooms."

★ **PICK PLAYFUL ACCESSORIES, NOT NECESSARILY TOYS.** Take, for instance, the decorative airplane that hangs above Josh's study desk. "Hindi sila toys, pero matutuwa pa rin yung kids."

AFTER



BEFORE

"Tatlo yung rooms namin, pero lahat dun, may gamit kami. So ngayon, mas centralized na," says Kristine. This adjustable shelf from Handyman holds many storage boxes from Robinsons Department Store that can corral the family's personal belongings in one spot.



## AFTER



Pretty organizers and trays from Robinsons Department Store serve as makeshift floating side tables in this bedroom. Vera had these propped up using brackets. Completing the bedside setup are mirrors and lamps from Robinsons Department Store. Hampers from Handyman ensure that no clutter is strewn around.



Pastel-colored frames and memo boards from Robinsons Department Store give charm to this otherwise bland corner.



Because this bedroom is shared with a four-year-old child, Vera saw it fit to create a corner for him. The custom-made slim desk is made attractive with playful organizers and décor from Robinsons Department Store. Ottomans (also from Robinsons) and a lamp from Handyman make this nook a spot that's conducive for Josh to work on his school assignments.

## how much it costs

### LABOR AND OTHER MATERIALS

Labor and assorted construction materials  
P25,000\*

### FROM HANDYMAN

Paints, lighting fixtures, and other construction materials  
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### FROM ROBINSONS DEPARTMENT STORE

Beddings, organizers, and accessories  
P40,000

**Grand Total**  
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## ABOUT THE DESIGNER



VERA VILLAROSA-ORILA is a graduate of interior design from the University of the Philippines-Diliman. As a licensed interior designer, she has already worked on numerous residential projects, and is also one of the go-to designers for RL makeovers. Check out more tips from Vera in the "Ask It" section on p. 6.



### ABOUT THE HOMEOWNER

TOBY (NOT IN PHOTO) AND KRISTINE TOBIAS HAVE BEEN RESIDENTS OF THIS COZY HOME FOR SEVEN YEARS. TOBY IS A SOFTWARE ENGINEER, WHILE KRISTINE STAYS AT HOME TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR FOUR-YEAR-OLD SON JOSH.



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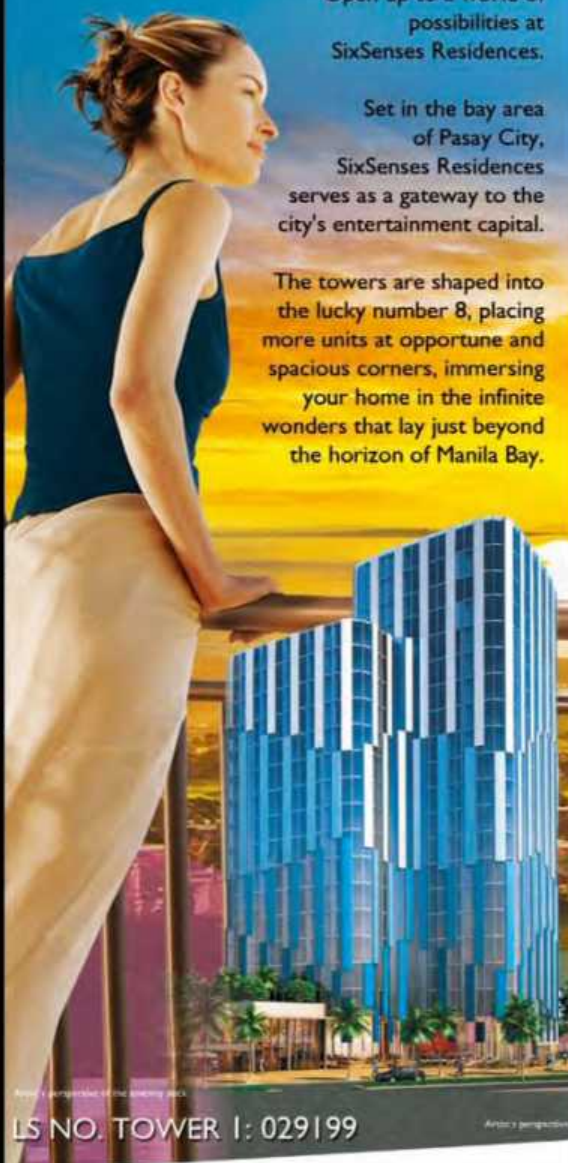
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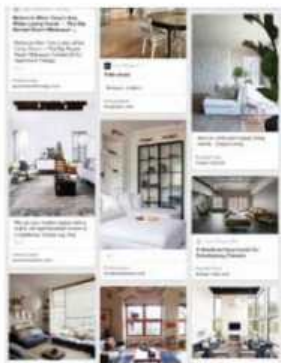
**Favorite home scent**  
 "Fresh Bamboo. I love the clean scent." Fresh Bamboo Reed Diffuser, P384.75 (100mL), Mia Maison, 2/L Greenbelt 5, Ayala Center, Makati City



# 1 My Favorite Things at Home



**Favorite home accessory**  
 "Shaved bamboo lamp shade. It reaffirms my belief in the talent of Filipino artists." Lamp, available at Casa Ligna, 235 N. Garcia St., Makati City



**Favorite home design read**  
 "Pinterest, Decopad. They served as a guide for developing the theme of this house along with interior designer Cheska Nolasco."



**Favorite recycling trick**  
 "I spray my plants with water I used for soaking rice."



**Favorite home gadget**  
 "My juicer. It's part of my daily wellness regimen to make my fruit and vegetable juices and smoothies." Available at leading appliance stores

**Favorite pick-me-up treat**  
 "My plants. I grew up surrounded with greenery. I have no garden because I stay in a condo, so my plants take the place of an outdoor garden."



**Favorite travel destination**  
 "Borobudur Temple located in the island of Java...I was in awe of the architecture and stonework of the temple."



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